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## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

### Latest Nazi Claims

### Continued Drive Into Ukraine

Reach Dnieper River  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate.

Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolaev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Kirovograd area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe along the entire eastern front yesterday destroyed a total of 80 Soviet planes.

#### TRYING TO ESCAPE

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Radio Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encircled at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilation.

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### Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—Twenty-three Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr K. McEwen to-day.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufighter, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

### Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

Special to the "Telegraph"

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, commenting upon Mr Churchill's declaration to-day, said that no peace is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless "we define our objectives."

Mr Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role—which nobody until now, had ever conceived in the use with international control.

Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Marshal Rundstedt's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and that their attacks were repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the roads to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: Are their divisions in reserve, which are still fresh, fully equipped, or must they wait a while before they can be provided with the full equipment necessary for battle? And how long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?

#### Delaying Action

It is these questions which should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it considered that the moment has arrived for assumption of the offensive.

Ideas of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, have been vitiated by the cult of the defensive and of temerity often concealed under that more imposing word prudence. Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed.

That real defence lies in men and their leaders. "It is men and not walls who are the defences of a city," said the Romans of old.

#### Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy and indeed that of the whole Russian Army is probably dictated not by the defence of obstacles, natural or artificial when full use may be made of such, but the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategical conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal

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#### Exemptions From Interest Tax

It has been revealed by the Commissioner of War Taxation, that the following companies have been granted exemption by the Governor-in-Council from Interest Tax on interest payable on consumers' deposits held by them:

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., China Light and Power Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

### MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

Much Material Landed

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—After a 24-hour delay due to a typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops, reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon this morning.

Material is at the moment taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders, presumably destined for construction of barracks in Cambodia where the accommodation is reported to be insufficient, was landed.

There has been no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must presumably pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

#### Boundary Commission

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations to-day in Saigon but the meetings were postponed.

It is thought that the discussions

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#### Alleged Reaction To Nazis Setback

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph," in a news dispatch from Switzerland to-day, purported to cite indications that Hitler's "mental condition" had deteriorated since the first German setback on the Russian front.

The dispatch, which lacked confirmation from other sources, declared that Professor Ferdinand Sauerbruch, a specialist in nervous diseases had conferred with two Swiss psychologists regarding Hitler's health.

The dispatch claimed that Hitler had been forced to leave the Russian front—and was now at Berchtesgaden where doctors had decided he must not be told any "bad news" of note.

According to Berlin dispatches, Hitler still had his headquarters at the Eastern Front to-day.

#### NO COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—When asked if Mr Roosevelt had

approved the recommendation of the Navy and Army chiefs for compulsory censorship of all communications in and out of America, the President's secretary Mr Stephen Early, declared that Mr Roosevelt was unaware of the existence of any such bill.

Mr Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report except that it was the Willhelmstrasse or someone in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.

#### LATEST

#### Latest Soviet Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (UP).—The battle on the entire Eastern Front continues unabated, according to the latest reports issued here, with the weight of the German thrust against southwestern Ukraine towards the Dnieper River.

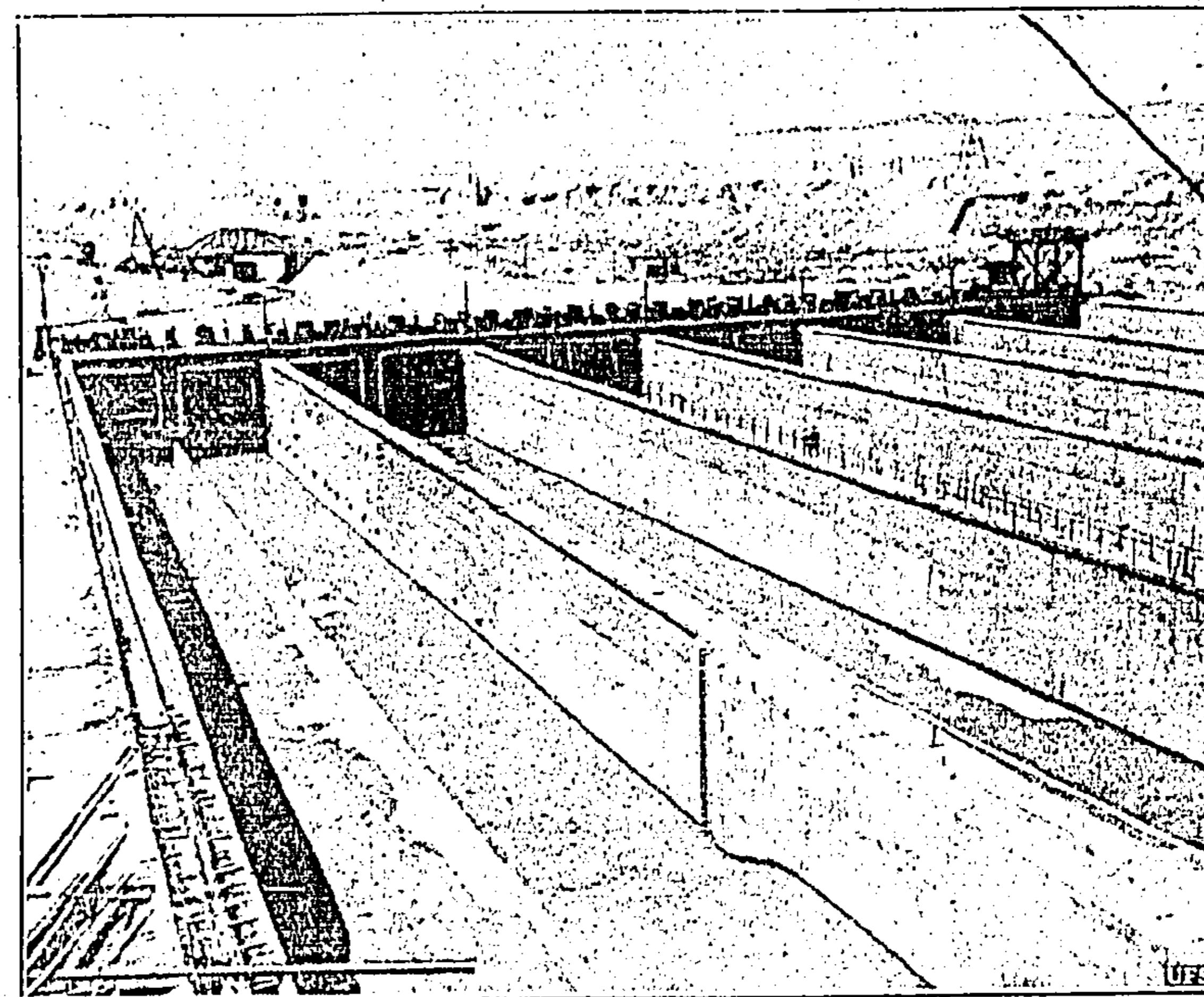
The blowing-up of the Nikolayev wharves indicated that Stalin's policy of destruction is being carried out on a large scale among the industrial as well as agricultural resources and plants.

It is stated that the Black Sea Fleet is continuing active operations and yesterday sank two large Rumanian transports, presumably intended to land troops at Odessa and Nikolaev.

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#### THREATENED BY GERMANS

The Dnieperstroy Dam is now threatened by the Nazis in their latest southern Ukraine drive. The huge Dam is built close to the Dnieper River near Dnepropetrovsk, and is about 200 miles northeast of Nikolaev, important Ukraine seaport which has fallen to the advancing German forces.



### British Cargo Explodes, Blaze In N.Y. Harbour: 2 Die; 55 Injured

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions that shook lower Manhattan to-day accompanied a raging fire which broke out at the East River wharf where British ships are loaded with supplies for Britain and Egypt.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges.

The Coast Guard and fire boats raced to the rescue.

Two people were killed and 55 people were injured—some fatally—in the fire. Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as lunch-hour crowds poured out from offices.

#### Flames Spread

The fire which began with a series of explosions, sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mill Line pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter, and several laden barges ablaze and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

The American freighter Panuco, laden with quicksilver, minerals and hemp, caught fire, was cut loose and drifted off blazing from stem to stern. A flaming barge was cast adrift and floated helplessly down the river while fire-boats threw tons of water on it.

Five fire alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Station, from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

### WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE

#### Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

#### Incendiaries

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey."

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse yesterday and destroyed TURN to Back Page, Column 5

#### Quo Endorses 8 Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Quo-Tai-chih, the Chinese Foreign Minister, to-day issued a statement saying that the Chinese Government and people whole-heartedly welcome and endorse the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, which is essentially in harmony with Dr Sun Yat-sen's advocacy for a "great commonwealth of nations."

Dr Quo said that he believed post-war reconstruction would be more difficult than winning the war, requiring the supreme efforts of all peoples, in which the Chinese people are prepared to fully contribute.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said that he believed that the shortest way to suppress aggression was to defeat Japan first by encirclement.

#### Latest Goering Reports

Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prison camps, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed.

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different places which they traversed.

Insurgents Of Iraq To Face Trial

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The former commander of the Iraqi Royal Bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in the Hashid Al-Ali's revolt have been placed on the retired list according to a Baghdad telegram. A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.

### No Vichy Protest To UK Yet

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in London of reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

In any case, the Syrian Armistice terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French forces.

Vichy has protested against the detention of General Dentz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to British lands, there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.

#### Nazis To Retain Daylight Saving

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 17 (Dome).—The German Government has decided to continue daylight saving time throughout the winter months. Thus, when other countries in Central Europe revert to Standard Time, there will be a difference of one hour in German time, or seven hours with Japanese time.

Daylight saving time was instituted in Germany as in past years beginning in May, the original intention being to revert to Standard Time in September.

N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia Radio denies a "Dome" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened, and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the "Democrats" action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China. According to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Musical Comedy Selections—“Words and Music”—Selection (Noel Coward)... The New Mayfair Orchestra; Follow Through—Vocal Gems—Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Musical Comedy Marches... Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)... Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

2.00 Indian Programme.

2.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.47 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; Louis Armstrong's Original Washboard Beaters; Juan Llorente and His Tango Orchestra; Victor Young and His Orchestra.

2.50 Portuguese Programme.

2.50 London Relay—The News.

2.55 London Relay—War Commentary.

2.55 London Relay—“Listening Post”—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

2.58 Programme Summary.

2.58 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palipo—1. Simple Confession (Francis Thome); 2. Sonata No. 3 (G. F. Handel); 3. Melodie (Tchakovsky); 4. Valse Vanite (Rudy Wiedoff).

3.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

3.02 Armentius—“At the Court Of Frederick the Great”—Musen Antiques—Speakers: N. Dalton, C. Barrott, N. Angier, H. Sarton. Directed by Nichola Roth.

3.26 Orchestra Raymonds and Dams (Vocal)—The Dancing Clock (Ewing), Poupee Valsante (Poldini).

3.26 Orchestra Raymonds; La Fille Aux Matelots (Diamant Berger and Reale); Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer—Waltz Dunn with Orchestra; Gounod in Vienna (Arr. G. Walter)... Orchestra Raymonds.

3.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

3.45 Marcel Palotti at the Organ.

3.45 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 B.B.C. Recording—“Fighter Pilot”—A Radio Impression of part of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.

10.48 Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone)—Fanfares... Kneller Hall Musicians; Follow Me ‘One’—A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling and Ward-Higgs).

Raymond Newell with Orchestra; The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford), Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenet) ... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller; For England (H. J. Brandson and Alan Murray)... Raymond Newell with Instrumental Accomp.

11.15 Close Down.

For Coming Week

In addition to the usual news commentaries the following London in the ZBW programmes this week:

A discussion by Sir Frederick Whittle and Bernard Darwin in the series “Britain To-day” will be broadcast at 11 p.m. on Wednesday at the same time on Thursday night there is a talk by Edwin Ward, and on Friday night, again at 11 o'clock, Desmond MacCarthy will talk on the Duke of Wellington in the series “Makers of History.” As usual on Saturday, there will be the special broadcast for British Forces in the Far East from 8.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the variety programme “Old Mother Riley takes the Air” at 11.15 p.m.

In order to win the War Britain endeavours to make the German people distrust their Fuehrer and were the British to succeed they would certainly win the war. Therefore we introduce the death penalty for listening in to the B.B.C. and those who, despite all warnings, continue to do so deserve beheading. This is only the right punishment for their damned curiosity. Germans should know by now that when we are reluctant to give military news reluctance is only necessary for purely strategical reasons.

Some Germans say that they are strong-minded enough to listen to B.B.C. lies and not be harmed by them. I reply that this is not true as those who listen have not the means of checking and finding out whether or not the B.B.C. is lying. Its lies get into the blood, making listeners weak and tired of carrying on thus showing that the B.B.C. poison is beginning to work.

This is the reason we fight with all our strength against the B.B.C.—British Wireless.

Local estate valued at \$2,400 was left by the late Miss Rhoda Mary McIntyre of Frodsham, Cheshire, England, who died at Sawbridgeworth on October 25, 1940. An application by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, for sealing probate of the will and codicil of the deceased has been granted.

Local estate valued at \$2,400 was left by the late Mr. William Soper, who died at Oakley, Warfield, Berks, England on October 25, 1940. An application by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, the lawfully attorney, for sealing probate of the will and codicil of the deceased has been granted.

Local estate valued at \$5,000 was left by the late Mr. Charles Edwin Buxall, of No. 3 St Phillips Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex, England, who died on August 17, 1940. An application by Mr. T. J. J. Fenwick, Chief Accountant, of the H.K. and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the lawfully attorney, for sealing probate of the will and codicil of the deceased has been granted.

Local estate valued at \$1,700 was left by the late Mr. Ho Ying-yew, also known as Mr. Ho Eng-pul, left local estate valued at \$1,700. He was late of No. 93 North Bridge Road, Singapore, and died at No. 38 Petain Road, Singapore, on October 18, 1940. An application by Mr. R. A. Wadeon, solicitor, the lawfully attorney, for sealing probate of the will of the deceased has been granted.

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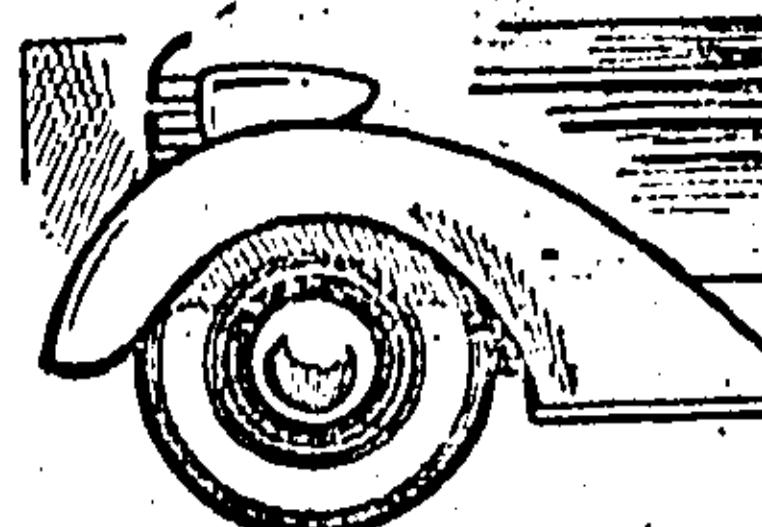
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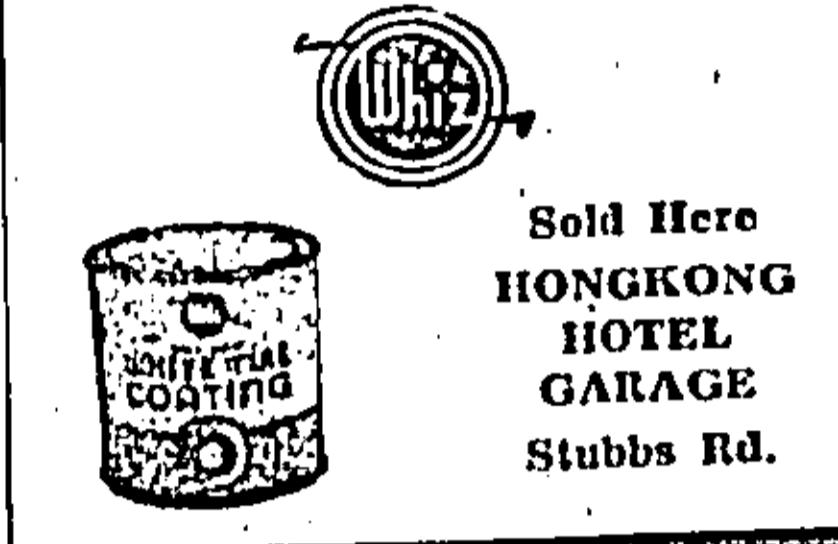
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**THIRD BLITZ**

There is no doubt that the Germans are making a desperate and terrific attempt to crush Russia before Winter. Already they have encountered a quality in the Russian opposition which has exacted a terrible toll of manpower, tanks, planes and all the other impedimenta of modern warfare—a stern and disquieting reality which must indeed cause Hitler furiously to think. Even should this third blitzkrieg against Russia achieve success, it will not mean final victory.

It is true that the Russians have been dealt almost staggering blows, but the intelligence and determination in their mode of defence augur well for continuance of their resistance. They too can count upon a tremendous reserve of manpower, while it appears reasonable to assume their equipment is up-to-date, efficient and plentiful.

The close association which has now been formed between Great Britain, The United States and Russia is another factor which must be greatly disturbing to Hitler. Time was when there was reason to believe that Russia would remain aloof from the present war at all costs, assuming a role which almost mystified the democracies. Later, the failure of the British Military Mission in Russia, and the almost simultaneous success of the German Mission, left us bewildered and not a little concerned.

Subsequent events upset all reckoning, the greatest and most sensational being the sudden manner in which Hitler attempted to double-cross Stalin, by invading Russian territory. After nine weeks of the greatest mass warfare in history, the world's arch-aggressor finds himself in as unpleasant a quandary as one can imagine. It is a cause for the utmost gratification on the part of Germany's foes to know that Hitler, genius as he thinks he is, has made a colossal blunder in antagonising Russia. There is not only a limit to Germany's ability to over-ride and ruthlessly smash other nations, but a limit to the endurance of her people and to her material resources. So far, the Russian

**Facts concerning the country of the moment in the Far East scene**

of her new constitution, the British and French territories on her border were naturally caused some anxiety, but Bangkok was quick to explain that armed security was essential for internal security and that that was the only purpose of the country's armament plans. What part submarines and aeroplanes have to play in internal security were never explained, but what happened on the Cambodian border a few months ago, when greatly superior numbers of Thai aeroplanes attacked inadequately equipped French troops, is too fresh in the mind to need iteration.

With a well-trained and fully-equipped army, a small but efficient navy and an air force which is said to count well over 500 planes, Thailand may be considered more than sufficiently well-equipped for the preservation of her "internal security."

There has been conscription in Thailand for many years. Every man of 21 years is required to spend two years in the army, except those who have passed the high school examination, who do only one year's military service. Army pay is small and the discipline strict, soldiers be-

ing allowed only one evening off

in the recent inclination of Thailand to withdraw certain concessions which had been granted to foreign countries, (excepting Japan) thus closing the door to foreign exploitation in her territory and reserving the whole area within her boundaries to Thai industry and enterprise.

Glaring cases in point are the re-

strictions imposed on the British and American oil and tobacco companies in Bangkok, which virtually strangled their trade and made room for

Thai products of both oil and tobacco in the Thailand markets. The oil is brought crude from Manchukuo and refined in Thailand, by Thai experts trained in America and Japan.

There is nevertheless strong ground

for assuming that the Thailanders

**SPOTLIGHT ON THAILAND**

Songgram even went so far as to start the Yuwajon movement, which each week. The men are well-nourished, healthy and their morale is good. They are very smart on the Hitler Youth Movement, throwing the entire school going youth of Thailand into the parade.

With a population of 15,000,000

Thailand counts on being able to put 1,000,000 men under arms in an emergency. Not is the country lack-

of equipment or materials.

Popular as Bipul Songgram is, two attempts were made on his life since he took office. Once he was shot in the head during past years, she has

at while dressing for dinner, the bullet missing his head by inches and tortles, the two largest being at Bangkok.

On another occasion he and his aged and run exclusively by Thailanders nearly perished from food poisoning, but were saved by prompt medical aid.

**ACUTE NATIONALISM**

The keynote of his policy is acute nationalism and entire self-sufficiency. Numerous labour laws have been introduced to achieve this goal, and many of them make it almost impossible for aliens to get work in Thailand. For instance, no alien who cannot speak fluent Thai is allowed to take up manual work and rickshaw pullers' licences are refused to all but Thailanders. The Chinese, being the largest immigrants, are the most severely affected by this legislation.

Thai officials have stated that as much as 90 percent of the labour employed in the country is "foreign," and for purposes of their own the Japanese have interpreted the word "foreign" to refer to the Chinese (who have admittedly emigrated to Thailand in large numbers in recent years) and Japanese propaganda has made much of Thailand's decision to reduce Chinese immigration influence by making it one of the standpoints of Thailand's sympathy with Japan's Pan-Asiatic ideals.

The most significant step in Thailand's recent politics, however, is the change of name from Siam. That is the language spoken not only in Thailand but in its irredenta, which comprises certain districts of Cambodia and Laos, in French Indo-China, the northernmost states of the Malay Peninsula (these are now under British protection but still pay annual tribute to Bangkok) and some of the Shan States of North Burma which Thailand ceded to Britain many years ago. Does this mean that Thailand expects one day to extend her boundaries to cover the entire Thai-speaking corner of the globe?

When Thailand started spending large sums on an extensive armaments programme under the aegis

themselves—especially those of the educated classes—have come under Japanese influence and that they are of the opinion that their country would stand to gain a great deal from the development of closer relations with Japan. This is very obvious from the general tone of the vernacular press. And Bangkok alone, boasts more daily newspapers than the County of London.

Here is an instance of the astuteness with which Japan has woven herself into the economic life of Thailand. The climate and geographical conditions of Thailand are most favourable to the cultivation of cotton and rubber, and while the Thailanders and the Chinese neglected these, the Japanese were quick to seize the opportunity to explore the possibilities of cotton growing in Thailand, and thus make closer economic co-operation between the two countries. Japanese experts started favourably, and to-day business interests in Osaka have started operations on a large scale in order to meet the requirements of the mother country.

**FUTURE PROGRESS**

In the same way tin and rubber from Thailand now find an open market in Japan. Thailand has also found a ready buyer and return has been ready—perhaps unconsciously—that to which she was once opposed, namely foreign (in this case Japanese) assistance for exploitation. The inference is obvious.

For this change of attitude, even if it was done unconsciously, there is Thailand's side of the case to be heard. According to her officials she was unable to find a market for her cotton, rubber and tea with the Western Powers. Britain, for example, "no

reason whatsoever" did not buy Thailand's cotton, and the development of these products, as her own colonies supplied her requirements to the full.

Thailand's mineral wealth, besides tin, is negligible. A little gold has been discovered, but not enough to attract major interests. The only alternative to the country was to look to a ready buyer in Japan, which she did, and by way of return Thailand has become a more important purchaser of Japanese goods, thus almost completely submitting the economic exploitation of her territories by the politicians of Nippon.

Thailand's future progress, therefore, appears to be bound up with Japan and Japan's influence becomes increasingly apparent. Thailand's only fear at the moment is that Thailand's friendship with Japan, continued on these lines, will affect her politically, and that she may be compelled openly to accept Japan's advances—even to the extent of military collaboration. It is a danger that the Democratic front is now called upon to counter.

By DOUGLAS JANZS



For most people Thailand, formerly Siam, brings up pictures of elephants, Siamese twins and primitive temple dancing. But Thailand isn't a land of swords and other ancient weapons. It has modern anti-aircraft guns drawn by tractors as this photo shows. In the background are some of Bangkok's 300 Buddhist temples.

**V-I-C-T-O-R-Y !!**

These inspiring "V for Victory" verses were composed by Mrs. Garnet Malley, of Sydney, recently returned from China, who is at present in Melbourne. The verse and the first and last refrain are set to spirited march-time music in the key of C.

V — stands for "VICTORY"—to cause the Nazis' fall.  
"Fight! For the Right!"—is the Nation's clarion call;  
If— we want our Liberty and Freedom to remain,  
We must keep on singing this stirring new refrain—

V — for VICTORY—The Empire's world-wide ring;  
I — for Independence—To which we all must cling;  
C — stands for Confidence—in the leaders of our land;  
T — for Tenacity!—The "British Bulldog" brand;  
O — for Old England—The land that gave the breed;  
R — for our Royal Family—So loyal in word and deed;—and  
Y — stands for You—who can ward off all we fear.  
By singing "V for VICTORY!"—and Save All Life Holds Dear.

V — for VANQUISH!—Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
I — for Inspiration.—In this grim tug-of-war,  
C — stands for "China Up!"—When sent to face the toll,  
T — for Teamwork!—Divided we shall fall,  
O — for those Overseas!—Our heroes of renown,  
R — for Recruiting!—We must not let them down!—But  
Y — stands for You—who can stem the tide of war!—  
By singing "V for VICTORY," you will Keep Strife from Our Shore.

V — for the VALIANT—who fell for Freedom's Sake.  
I — for our high Ideals!—(Great Souldiers we make!).  
C — for the Cross of Faith—for those bowed down with care.  
T — for Their Thankfulness... For the strength to bear.  
O — for Our Honour!—Without—Nothing can succeed.  
R — for our Religion—In this dark hour of need;—But  
Y — stands for You!—You can do your bit this way;—  
By singing "V for VICTORY" you Help Britain Win the Day!

V — for our VETERANS!—Who bore the flag before!  
I — for Inheritance!—of their fearlessness in war.  
C — for Comradeship!—and the high morale it gives.  
T — for the Unknown Warrior—His spirit ever lives!  
O — for the Ones at Home!—Who hold the home forts here!  
R — for the Red Cross!—Whose noble deeds we cheer!—But  
Y — stands for You! And for You, and You, and You,  
By singing "V for VICTORY"!—You do Your Duty Too.

V — for VANGUARD!—Let our trumpets blast and blare!  
I — for Irrepressible!—Loud cheering strikes the air!  
C — for Compatriots!—Fighting side by side;  
T — for "Thumbs Up" boys!—Their bravery is our pride  
O — for all the Others!—the munition workers, too.  
R — for our Royal Banner!—the true Red, White, and Blue!—But  
Y — stands for You!—So come and Pull Your Weight!—  
By singing "V for VICTORY!"—Before It is Too Late!

V — for VICTORIOUS!—We never shall be slaves!  
I — for Invincible!—"Britain Rules the Waves!"  
C — for Courageous!—Our Army death defies!  
T — for Triumphant!—Our RAF shall rule the skies!  
O — for Onwards!—With our "Will to Win" campaign!  
R — for Real Rejoicing!—When our boys come home again!—But  
Y — stands for You!—So Let Your Voice Ring Clear!—  
Sing "VICTORY!" Sing "VICTORY!" — and Save All Life Holds Dear!

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**President Receives Congress Key Men**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lease-Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lease-Lend appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned only casually.

**Connally's Comment**

The President gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease-Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000 but declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000 has not yet been expended."

**U. S. GOODS IN CHINA****Data At Consulates**

TIENTSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as furs, bristles, etc., to the American Consulates.

Congressional officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit—some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

**U. S. Increases Her Imports**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,604,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

**Short Shrift For Johore Japanese**

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Japanese living in the large defence area in the southeast corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days.

**NAZI MOVE FROM ESTONIA****Summary Of Fronts**

MILITARY COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The latest reports indicate that a new German thrust is developing north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad.

It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kekholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kley too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great plincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the northwest and Byelaya-Tserkov in the southeast.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to the southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper River.

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force the Dnieper with a view to threatening the Donets basin. Any such movement with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance would be a venturesome proposition.

It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tried troops against the central sectors in the hope that these sectors will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Budenny. But such speculation is pure guesswork.

**Nazis' Claim Advance**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—According to a Stockholm message to the Italian news agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined the forces to the north.

The Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-miles wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.

**French Consul's Conscience**

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.



NAZIS EARN—More than 400 German and Italian sailors from ships confiscated by the Mexican Government have been transferred to farms in Guadalajara, where they must work for their living. Here is a truckful just arrived by train.

**U.S. Navy One Down to H.K.**

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allowing seven Maple Leaf runs to cross the plate on five hits and three bungles. Tomashevsky's prodigious Homer driving in Waller featured the brilliant Canadian rally in this hitting.

Portugal's fourteen men team all got into the fray and from this angle the champions will be a strong threat for the title once again this year. The keystone duo of Zinho Gosano and George Souza showed peppery form in their first pairing together and appear to be the foundation of Portugal's defence in this year's International hunt.

GRANDPA Leung's Chinese Maroons trimmed the Royal Engineers 8-4, for their second straight victory over the Sappers in the loop schedule.

Clicking off with a single run in the 1st when Choy Ping-fung saluted home on Bill Chung's bungle to centre, the Chung Hwamen added three more in the 3rd enroute after Al Lau was thrown out of first on a bunt.

P. F. Choy sizzled a liner over short, stolid second and crashed home on two wild throws. Hookle K. S. Kwok walked, piffered second and crossed the plate when Bill Chang drove a stinging triple to deep left; the hustling Chinese backstop took in with the third run on an error at the plate. Hank Chan fanned and Baby Chan was caught stealing second for the last out at this big Maroon inning.

The Leungmen added two more runs in the next frame and cruised in with single markers in the 5th and 7th, "winning off another winning ball game."

Welford's Sappers flushed out with a last effort spurt in the last two stanzas, muscling through with two runs in the 6th when Chinese twirler Al Lau weakened in the torrid atmosphere to walk four batters. With the "Maroon" loss in the well-known hole, two Sapper tallies sailed across the pan.

In the last frame the Engineers again put hurler Al Lau in a tough spot. Tom Fox scored on Mac Shaw's single. Then, with two out, the Sappers filled the bases, but in the tense setting, Mickey Sarsfield rolled a slow bounder to the pitcher, ending the losers' last-embered threat.

SHOWING power galore with the hickory slugger, Min-damao's pennant-holders pounded South China hurler Paul Lau for sixteen solid safeties to take the old ball game 15-7.

Mac McKenzie, taking over the initial base in the absence of the injured Henry Rue, gave a finished display in taking anything and everything that came his way and also came into his own at the plate to lead the champions in their determined swinging attack. The lanky McKenzie appears a certainty for the first base spot next season.

A snappy unassisted double play featured the game in the 5th canto when Tony Muscavage took Ernie Mo's pop fly to Catch Dopey Lo off second.

Dividing their term on the hillock Tony Muscavage and Siki Powlawski set the Caroline Hillmen down with five scattered bungles and fanned both.

Nelson Ma's snappy game at second was the only bright light in the Chinese loss. The key-sloner made four assists in a starry fielding show and crossed the pan with two South China runs.

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pts.
Min-damao	8	1	888
H. B. Brewers	4	1	800
Chung Hwamen	6	3	600
Ashville-Tules	1	1	500
H.K. Baseball Club	3	5	375
Royal Engineers	2	7	322
South China	1	7	222

\* have withdrawn.

**C-in-C Australia In Singapore**

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of Australian Home Forces, arrived here to-day on his way to Australia.

General Mackay told "Reuter" that everything was well in the Middle East, that conditions were improving and that the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.

**Chinese On Anglo-U.S. War Aims****WAR WORK FOR WOMEN**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and choice of occupation will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Assheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, announcing in London to-day a firmer policy regarding women in war work.

All women up to 30 would be registered within the next four months and older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services she would be told that she must go into one of the entire world. Though several wars are raging in different parts of the world, they are in fact one war.

Dr. Tsang emphasized that there must be a programme for reconstruction of the post-war world, not two separate programmes. He called attention to the following three points:

no territorial changes, respect for the right of all peoples to choose the forms of government they desire and equal enjoyment of trade and access to raw material.

R. A. F. Sweep Channel

Bremen's 81st Raid

FOLKESTONE, Aug. 18 (UP).—Bomber planes escorted by a considerable force of fighters flying at about 15,000 feet dived across the Straits towards the North Sea this afternoon indicating another R.A.F. sweep of the Continent.

The Empress, who had been living at a famous West of England resort—Bath—left England some time ago. Travelling with her was her younger daughter Princess Tschael and a small suite.

Remaining at their Bath home is her older daughter—Princess Tenagene together with her children and the Emperor and Empress' youngest son, who is at an English public school.

The departure of the Empress was kept an absolute secret and the news was only revealed to-day.

Lille Attacked

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, bombed industrial targets at Lille this afternoon. It is learned.

EXCEPTIONS TO FREEZING

STOCK EXCHANGE Investment Demand

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrial arising out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian corporate bodies.

Among the industrials, Woolworth and breweries recorded useful gains while shipping shares went further ahead.

Cape sugar was responsive for rises among speculative Kailh favourites.

South American rails continued to be firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.

China May Be At Moscow Meeting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Central News).—A competent Far Eastern commentator believes that China may be invited to participate in the Moscow meeting but there is no confirmation from official quarters.

This commentator said that if China's participation materializes, it will fulfill Dr. Qiao Tai-tui's dream of an A-B-C combination together with U.S.S.R. arrayed against the Axis in general and Japan in particular.

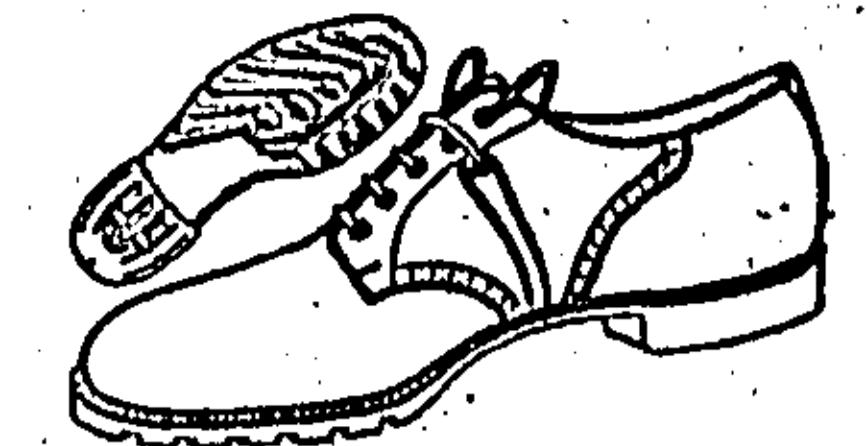
Christmas Parcels For War Prisoners

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, to-day visited the main London packing centre of food parcels for British prisoners of war and saw Christmas parcels being wrapped and dispatched.

Each of the 72,000 parcels contains puddings, a double ration of chocolate, biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, marmalade, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beefsteak and tomato and Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings and contain greeting cards from the British Red Cross.

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing Government control.

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**"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes****U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong****Weak Infield Fails  
Moundsman Powlawski****Mindanao Tars Batter  
South China 15-7**

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgins' Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

PINGING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each

break in stride, slashed through with three big tallies in the lust of the open frame after Uncle Sam's sen-

iors had gone one up, on Crooner Rue's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Star tally on a wild heave. Showboat Ali, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this canto on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with a Navy tally in the 2nd stanza, but the Colonials added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild-throw-by-the-widened R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano winging toward the pan.

The big break came in the 5th

inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th.

George Sousa again doubled to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, re-lined from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starry Sousa scampering across the plate.

**Weekend Stars**

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and issuing one free pass; latter led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the pan with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chin, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouted a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with another starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for double and single.

Mac McKenzie and Greasy Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrible M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the pan with four runs; latter climaxed a heavy-clouting weekend with a perfect day at bat slamming out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove in two more.

Gerry Gosano and Zinho Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played peppery ball at the keystone sack and smashed out a pair of highlight doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crooner Rue, hard-hitting all-round fielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, free admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul hold.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting "Skier" to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes; but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORUGAL's defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nations confabs formerly held in Geneva.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the ball mob with a combined "Nick Altrock-Al Shuey" act, all in one, when right fielder Red the Rover, Sonors made a "big go in" his first try at the intricacies of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a few fast tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as bean-labelled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

Hurler Gerry Gosano weakened temporarily in the 4th stanza, TURN to Page 5, Column Three

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"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a cockatoo. In spite of a rather late session, my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

"Yes, Sir. Of course, Sir."

"I admit, Hawkins, that a billiard table looks a trifle raffish before breakfast—green baize is essentially nocturnal!"

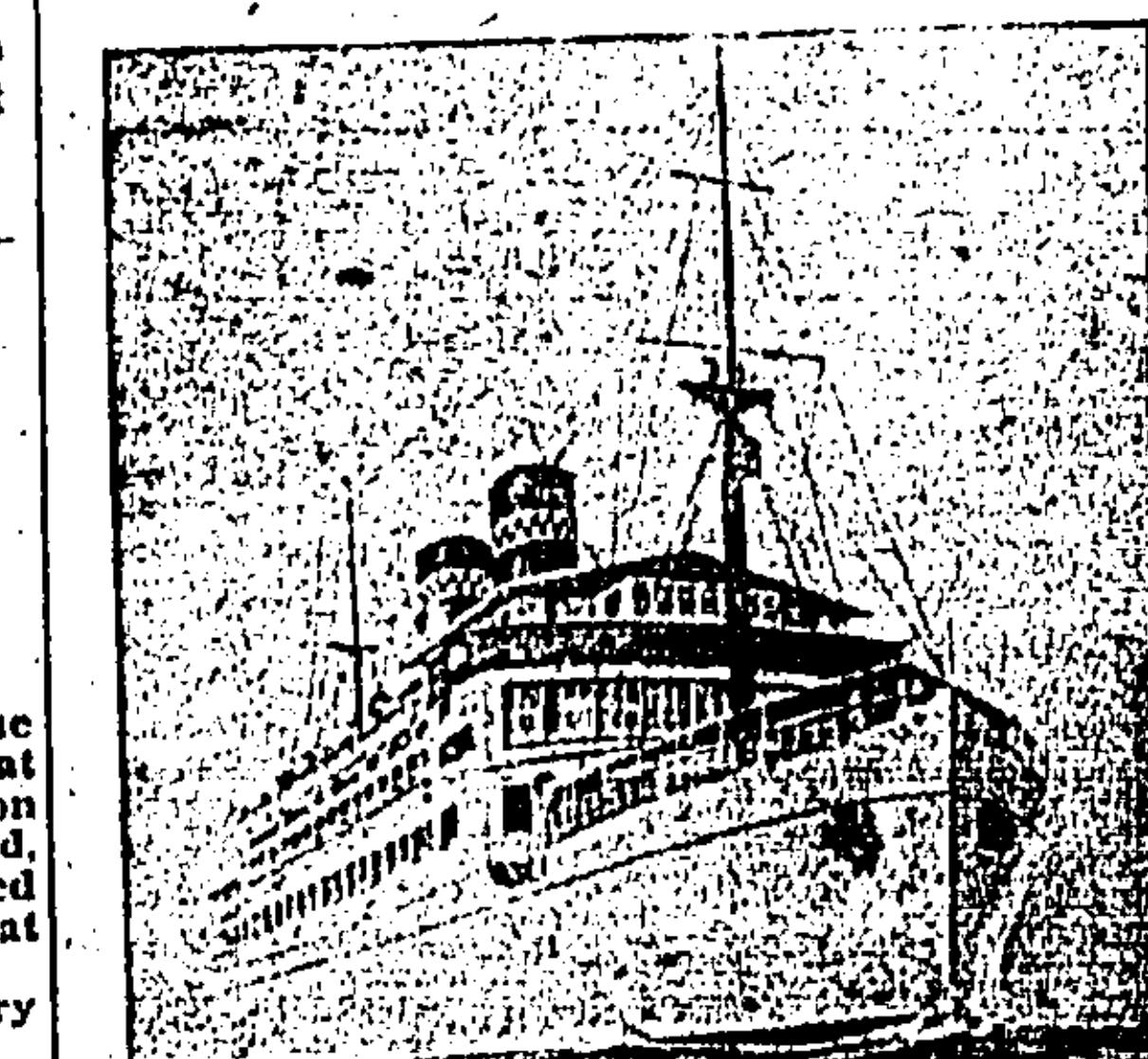
"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

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**League Seeks Compromise With London Soccer Clubs**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks it will mean a busy week for the officials, as following to-day's meeting they agreed that the Football League President, Mr W. C. Cuff, and Mr W. J. Kearns meet the London Clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start in eight days.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed a League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole sixteen thereupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the peace moves.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the friendliest of discussions on the difficulties took place.

**Alternative Proposal**

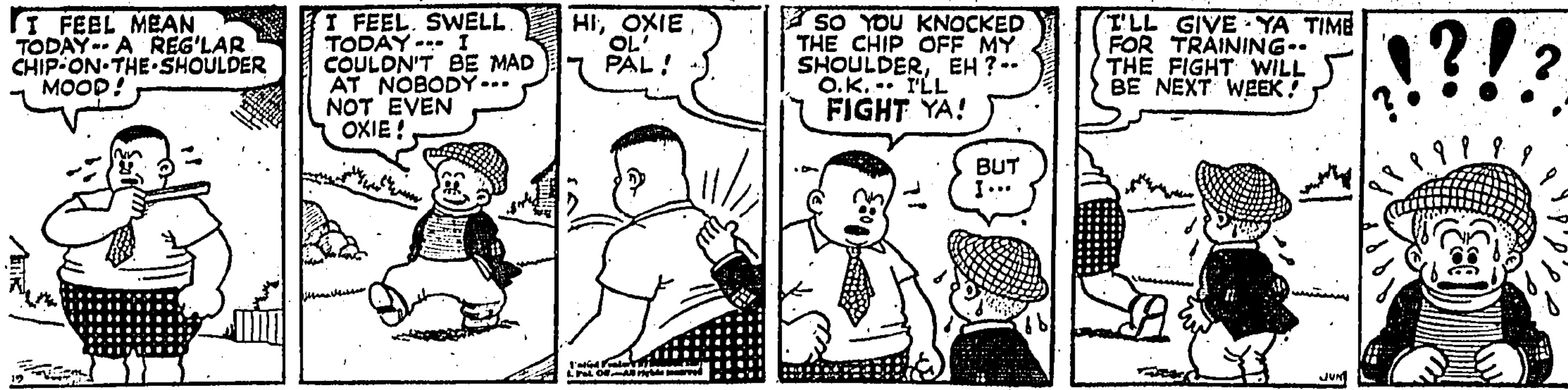
THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating that he suggested that the addition of other Clubs should be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half, teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first ten ranking matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be reinstated.

The adoption of these proposals

would result in the immediate reinstatement of the Southern Clubs to membership of the League, and would not interfere with the London War Cup, which has already been arranged.

In order that the matter can be placed in detail before the London Clubs, Mr Cuff and Mr Kearns have consented to meet the Londoners when a more detailed explanation of the compromise can be given.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## India Exercising Functions Of Free Nation, Statesman Says

By Henry Wood,

United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, California, Aug. 17 (UP).—Sir Firoz Khan Noon, High Commissioner for India to Europe and the two Americas, painted a new picture here of India as already exercising virtually all the functions of a free nation, and lacking only official recognition of her new status.

"The fact that I am here in the United States negotiating directly a new trade, navigation and commerce agreement between the United States and India shows the extent to which India has already won her freedom," he declared.

"In the gradual evolution of other British dependencies into free and equal members of the British Commonwealth of Nations the relinquishing to them of control of their own foreign affairs has always been the last step towards complete independence."

"India to-day is in complete control of the administration of all her domestic affairs and we are even beginning to exercise control over some of our foreign affairs, such as treaty-making."

"We are, in fact, already an independent nation, except for the official recognition of it—and that is just around the corner."

Sir Firoz declared that in all India to-day there are only 100,000 whites. "Of this total number," he stated, "fifty thousand are soldiers while the others some are servants. There remains also only 1,000 members of the British Civil Service. All the rest of the administration of government is now in our own hands."

Sir Firoz explained that the last and only obstacle to recognition of India's independence is purely a local one of internal domestic politics.

### The Constitution

"In 1935 when we rejected the Constitution which England offered us, we were told to go ahead and prepare our own Constitution and England would accept it. Since then dissensions alone between our two major political parties has alone prevented our preparing that Constitution."

Gandhi's party, which might be qualified as the conservative one, represents 90 percent of all India. The opposition party, which might be classified as the 'left,' represents the other 10 percent. Once they get together on a compromise, our already attained independence will be recognised."

### Bit Socialistic

The new, independent India that is emerging, he stated, will have some strong socialist principles in its structure.

"The new India," he stated, "owns the railways, post offices, irrigation works and many other public utilities. This came about by the fact that as the English withdrew we took over all installations which they had made."

From the standpoint of government, Sir Firoz declared that it is now entirely in the hands of Indian officials.

"Even in British India," he stated, "the administration in all eleven of the districts has been in our own hands since 1937. On the outbreak of the war, each of the eleven provinces had been for more than two years had been administered by Indian Ministers elected by Indians and responsible to Indian legislature."

All India, he stated, accepts Gandhi's conception of independence as that of Canada and South Africa, namely a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations on a basis of absolute equality.

"No realistic nation to-day," he declared dreams of existing independently by itself. "Even the United States, with all its population, wealth and resources could not exist alone for a single day were those of the combined three Axis powers launched against her."

### Political Trace

All Indian political parties having declared a truce in their internal

rights in order to permit all India to present a united front in bucking up England, Sir Firoz stated that it is hoped that during this lull the opposing parties may at last get together, patch up their differences and find a compromise basis for drawing up the constitution. England has promised to accept it.

"Hence recognition of our independence may come over night at any time now," he stated.

In the meantime, he declared, India has become the arsenal of the British Empire in the Pacific.

"The capacity of our four armament factories which have been in existence for 70 years now, has doubled. They are producing heavy-calibre guns, rifles, machine-guns, ammunition of all sizes and tanks. An aeroplane factory is being set up and we will also build automobiles."

"The greater part of our volunteer army of 300,000 soldiers is now overseas rendering good account of themselves on various fronts."

"Not a single India prince or leader will even accept the thought of totalitarian government."

"Even Gandhi himself has declared that if he had to choose between the defeat of England and continued subjugation of England, he would choose the latter, for the defeat of England would mean the disappearance of freedom from the world."

### German Claim To Ace Pilot

Wing-Com. Moeller, of the German Air Force, is the most successful fighter-pilot in the world, the German High Command claims in a special announcement.

Moeller, who on July 17 shot down five Soviet planes, has destroyed 115 warplanes, the High Command announcement states.

He has destroyed 101 of these machines since Germany declared war—in September, 1939—the High Command says.

His other victims were shot down during the Spanish civil war.

Moeller has been awarded the oak-leaf with swords, set in diamonds—Germany's highest decoration for gallantry.

## Vast Mid-Pacific Interests Of U.S.

By Harry W. Frantz

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—The vast role of the Territory of Hawaii in America's plans for peace-or-war in the Pacific is strikingly revealed in a new issue of Thrum's Hawaiian Annual, which for 67 years has been a beacon light of information concerning mid-Pacific interests.

The Hawaiian Islands were formerly regarded in the light of a pleasant mid-Pacific insular entity, which could be regarded as a travel crossroads, a tourist paradise, a sugar factory, or a rival "Gibraltar" according to one's particular interest or fancy, emerging into the world political picture.

One great chapter of American transportation history might have passed unrecorded except for the systematic attention given by Thrum's Annual. The list of pioneer flights from continental United States to the Territory of Hawaii affords a heroic prelude to the wonderful chapter of Pacific air transport and mail service since developed by Pan American Airways.

### Defensive Bulwark

Howard D. Chase, Honolulu newsman, tells the long story of the mid-Pacific in "A Short History of Hawaii," and then reduces it to a chronological summary starting in 1527 with the legendary arrival of shipwrecked Spaniards at Kihel, island of Hawaii, and referring to a reputed discovery of Hawaii in 1558 by Juan Gacetano, Spanish navigator.

These earliest facts concerning Hawaii have extraordinary contemporary interest because the territory is now the outlying defensive bulwark in the Pacific, not only of the United States but also of the American republics, formerly part of the Spanish domain. The Hawaiian Islands had a relatively small part in Pacific colonial history because they were not directly athwart sailing routes to Manila and therefore visited by sailors either infrequently or accidentally.

At present, however, the Hawaiian Islands are athwart or near most of the great Pacific lines of strategical communication. Pearl Harbour, therefore, is a constant factor in Pan American destiny.

## CHILD'S LIKING FOR CANDY

May Be Due To

Unhappiness

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Carl Binger of New York offered evidence recently that a child's desire for candy and ice cream may reflect its unhappiness.

Binger wrote in the magazine, "Hygeia," that increase or loss of appetite may be caused by emotional disturbances.

"A child who feels unhappy or unloved not infrequently reacts to this state by a kind of gluttony," he said. "In addition to stuffing at meals, he will often fill up on sodas and candy between meals. He becomes fat and unloved. His parents 'pick on him.' They urge him to restrain his appetite. He feels more unhappy and unloved and goes right on overeating; thereby defeating his own purpose."

Binger said an undeserved frown or scolding might upset a child's eating habits.

"What is true of children is generally true of adults," he added. "They exhibit a wide variety of behaviour in their attitude toward food."

He said a patient's refusal to eat might result from a wish to die or perhaps, from "cannibalistic fantasies."

"A healthy person enjoys his food," Binger said, "and a loss of appetite is evidence of physical, mental or emotional illness."

## Need Not Polish Brass On Arms

London, Aug. 17 (UP).—Brass on arms and equipment must now be left unpolished; as the shining surfaces make them more conspicuous from the air. The new order does not apply to brass badges and buttons on service dress used by troops for walking out.

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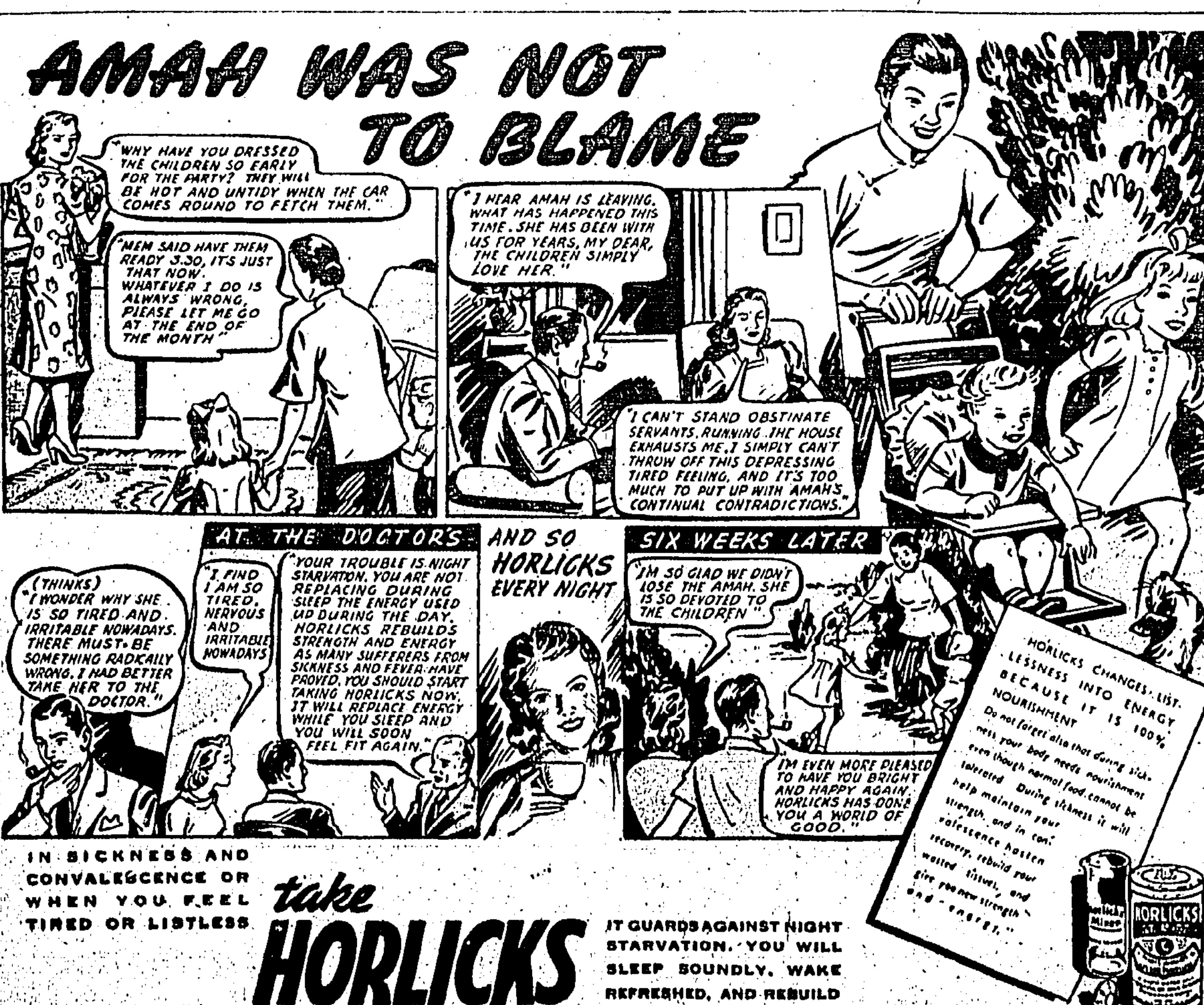
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## The Busy Life Of New Chinese Ambassador

LONDON, July 14.—One can hardly pick up any paper without seeing some reference to the activities of Dr Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador, who is being given a warm welcome by everybody. Most of the references take the form of little personal touches or attributes. Thus the Gossip writers had plenty to say about the Ambassador on the occasion of "The Bowl of Rice Dinner" given by the China Campaign Committee. Here are some of them:

"Evening Standard": "Mr. Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador were not the most imperturbable of diplomats; he would have been overwhelmed by his reception at the bowl of rice dinner attended by 300 people of all nationalities . . . Dr. Koo sat between Lord Cecil and Lady Bonham Carter. Between courses he opened a buttery fan and tirelessly, rhythmically, waited the steaming rice. The Ambassador only said a few words, but almost every sentence was cheered. From the overflow dinner below sounds of cheering came up the stairs."

The "Evening News" also commenting on the dinner, said: "Dr. Koo had to jostle his way through a press of people to his seat beside Viscount Cecil, the chairman. Yet he seemed the coolest person present. He had to face cameras after dinner and they even whirled at him while he ate his bowl of rice. But still he kept his alert, thoughtful composure. The white linen of his immaculate dinner suit retained its gloss. He chatted gaily to Lady Violet Bonham Carter, or to his old friend of Geneva days, Lord Cecil."

The "Spectator": "Dr. Koo, hardly oriented after four days in London, stuck closely to manuscript. He is in fact fully capable of extempore eloquence, as I hope he will in due course demonstrate in London. But whether the statement be written or spoken it is satisfactory to learn from so good an authority as Dr. Koo that China is in a better position as she enters her fifth year of war than she was when she entered her fourth, and that Japan in the intervening 12 months has lost more than she gained."

### Many Other Functions

Dr. Koo had many other public functions to attend. The "Evening Standard" describes one as follows:—

"Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador, was the guest of honour at a Bowl of Rice dinner this week. Last night he was host at a Block of Ice reception. In the centre of a reception-room at the Chinese Embassy was a crystal pillar resting on a plinth festooned with leaves. Guests gathered round this decorative form of air conditioning to hear Dr. Koo speak a few words of welcome."

He was more at ease here, I thought, than he had been in the stuffy, excited atmosphere of the earlier dinner. Dr. Koo, immaculately-tailored in dark grey, moved among his guests so that everybody was able to ask him something, but nobody could ask him much.

Mr. C. J. Chancellor, who was Reuter's chief correspondent in the Far East from 1931 to 1939, tells me of Dr. Koo's courage in face of personal danger.

### Hidden Microphones

Dr. Koo, as Foreign Minister, accompanied the Lytton Commission into Manchuria. For Dr. Koo this was enemy territory. Constant threats were made against his life. The hotel where the Commission stayed was crawling with Japanese spies and there were microphones hidden all over the place.

Dr. Koo bore himself well. Mr. Chancellor had to go back to Peking, and carried a message for Mme Koo. He became a friend of the family. Later he took charge of Dr. Koo's 15-year-old daughter on her way to school in Shanghai, a place of greater safety.

Miss Koo came to England to continue her study, and made some nice speeches here. She is now at

## Continued Drive Into Ukraine

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tion by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops, and about to leave when hit by bombs and not afire.

### New Area of Operations

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UPI)—Competent German quarters to-day claimed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war-materials in that area. It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

### Dnieper Reached

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—The Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units, who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Krivograd had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnipropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

### Nazis Gain Confidence

The spokesman added: "The Soviets are tough in their resistance but one day they will no longer be able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

The official German news agency also reports that the "remnants" of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolaev area yesterday. The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to the rear of German hands. They made a last stand along a railway embankment, which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

### Hungarian Claim

The report makes no mention of any Russian prisoners being taken but a Hungarian claim issued in the communiqué to-night refers to several thousand prisoners and considerable booty from the battle ground of Nikolalev.

The communiqué says: "Since the communiqué on August 8, our troops advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the battle round Nikolalev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

## Strategical But Not Decisive Gains

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Budenny is not likely to be falling back to the line of the Dnieper because it is the next obstacle to defend but because he is not yet ready to deliver the counter-attack which will drive back and destroy his enemy.

A counter-attack of the scale necessary to achieve that much to be desired object may not be ready for some weeks, perhaps some months, or quite possibly not until after the Germans have been exposed to all the rigours of a winter campaign in Russia while Europe is rising in revolt behind them.

We cannot at present fix a date for such a stroke but it may be taken for granted that such is being contemplated and prepared.

## MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

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are likely to cover considerable ground.

### Minor Problems

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—Two or three minor problems remain to be settled regarding the Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

He stated to-day that he will shortly discuss these problems which include the allotment of defensive "zones" between the Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General.

## Week-End Blitz On Syracuse

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one Cant Z-500 and severely damaged a number of others.

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolseley and Debarach and obtained hits on the forts' buildings and trenches."

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt has signed a bill exempting men over 28 from military service.

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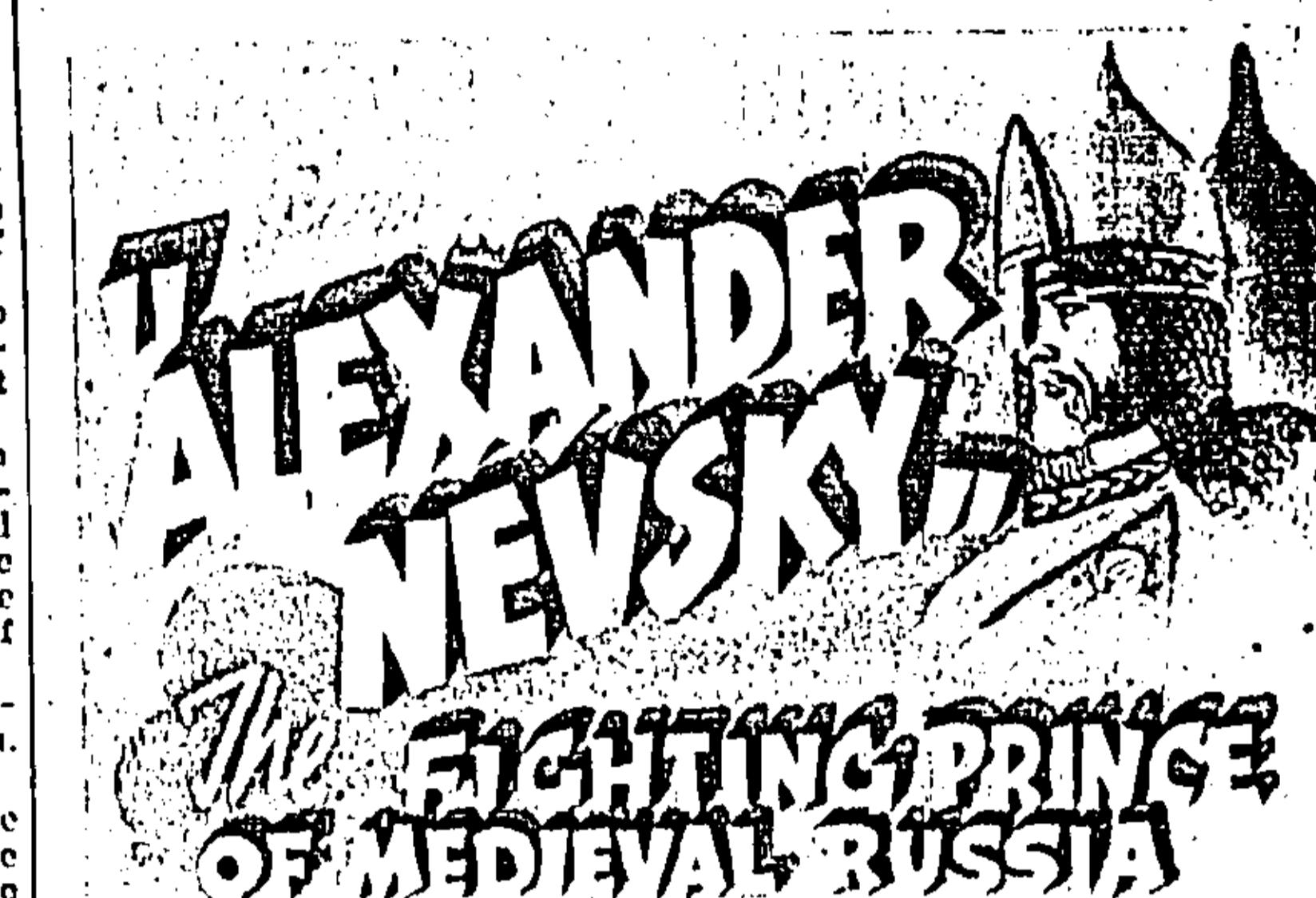
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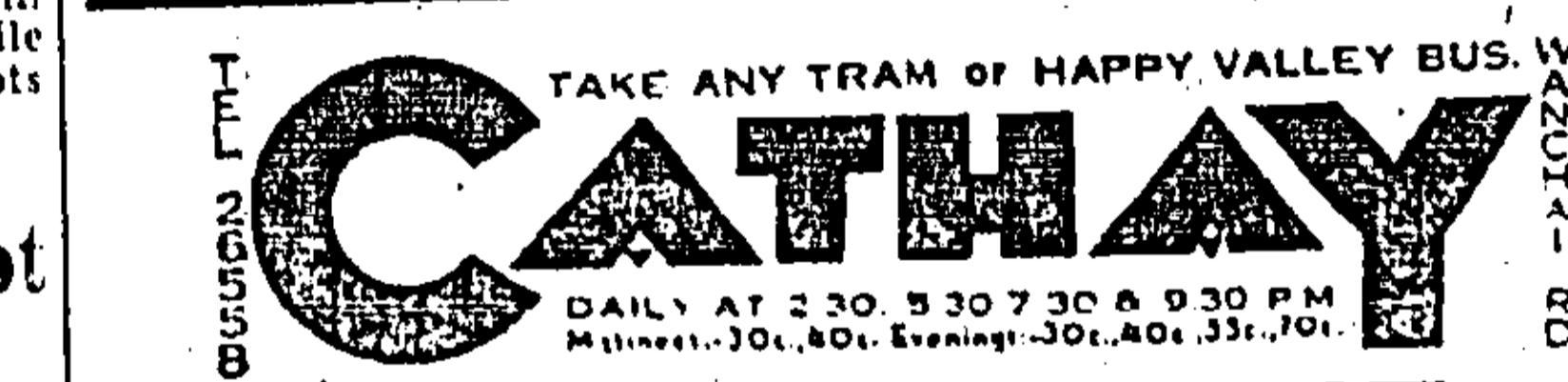
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## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

### LATEST SOVIET REPORTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (UP).—The battle on the entire Eastern Front continues unabated, according to the latest reports issued here, with the weight of the German thrust against southwestern Ukraine towards the Dnieper River.

The blowing-up of the Nikolaev wharves indicated that Stalin's policy of destruction is being carried out on a large scale among the industrial as well as agricultural resources and plants.

It is stated that the Black Sea Fleet is continuing active operations and yesterday sank two large Rumanian transports, presumably intended to land troops at Odessa and Nikolaev.

The Red army pockets aided by guerrillas continued to batter the German rear.

Dispatches from the front reported that the Red division which was split by the Germans a fortnight ago, attacked at both ends and broke through the German encirclement and have rejoined the main forces after inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

#### Intensified War Effort

Meanwhile, the Soviet rear is intensifying its war effort with an increasing output of armaments and provisions. Yesterday, several million youths contributed their rest day to work on defenses. Over one million people in the Moscow district gathered scrap metal, loaded trains and repaired rolling stock on the railways.

Mr Ivan Papandji the noted Arctic explorer has resumed his locksmith trade which he abandoned 20 years

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Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Marshal Rundstedt's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and that their attacks were repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the roads to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: Are their divisions in reserve, which are still fresh, fully equipped, or must they wait a while before they can be provided with the full equipment necessary for battle? And how long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?

#### Delaying Action

It is these questions which should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it considers that the moment has arrived for assumption of the offensive.

Ideas of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, have been vitiated by the cult of the defensive and of temerity often concealed under more imposing word-prudence. Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed.

That real defence lies in men and their leaders. "It is men and not walls who are the defences of a city," said the Romans of old.

#### Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy and indeed that of the whole Russian Army is probably dictated not by the defence of obstacles, natural or artificial when full use may be made of such, but the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategical conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal

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### Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Twenty-three Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr K. McEwen today.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

### Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

Special to the "Telegraph"

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, commenting to-day, said that no peace is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless "we define our objectives."

Mr Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role which nobody until now had ever conceived in the

## NAZI INVASION FORESTALLED

### Effect of Red Resistance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Russia has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the Nazis. That is one of the impressions Congressional leaders are reported to have gained from their conference with President Roosevelt.

Other impressions were:

(1) Russian resistance has forestalled any German attempt to invade Britain this year.

(2) The British believe that any German attempt to invade Britain will be delayed at least until spring.

(3) The chances appear even that Japan would take new steps of aggression.

President Roosevelt appeared cheerful and confident as the result of his talk with Mr Churchill.

One Congressman said that the British were convinced that in order to defeat Germany, Britain eventually must invade the Continent. It was indicated, however, that no such step was contemplated at present.

### HITLER ILL, SAYS REPORT

#### Alleged Reaction To Nazis Setback

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph," in a news dispatch from Switzerland to-day, purported to cite indications that Hitler's "mental condition" had deteriorated since the first German setback on the Russian front.

The dispatch, which lacked confirmation from other sources, declared that Professor Ferdinand Sauerbruch, a specialist in nervous diseases, had consulted with two Swiss physicians regarding Hitler's health.

The dispatch claimed that Hitler had been forced to leave the Russian front and was now at Berchtesgaden where doctors had decided he must not be told any "bad news" of note.

According to Berlin dispatches, Hitler still had his headquarters at the Eastern Front to-day.

### NO COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—When asked if Mr Roosevelt had approved the recommendation of the Navy and Army chiefs for compulsory censorship of all communications in and out of America, the President's secretary Mr Stephen Early, declared that Mr Roosevelt was unaware of the existence of any such bill.

Mr Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report except that it was the Willhelmstrasse or someone in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.

### LATEST

### H.K. Boy Killed In Action

News has been received in the Colony that Pilot Officer Leslie Richard Evans, R.A.F., former pupil of the Central British School (1922 to 1926) crashed whilst landing in England after returning from a bombing flight and was killed with three others.

This is the third former pupil of the Central British School who has given his life in the present war. In addition, one is missing and another is a prisoner of war.

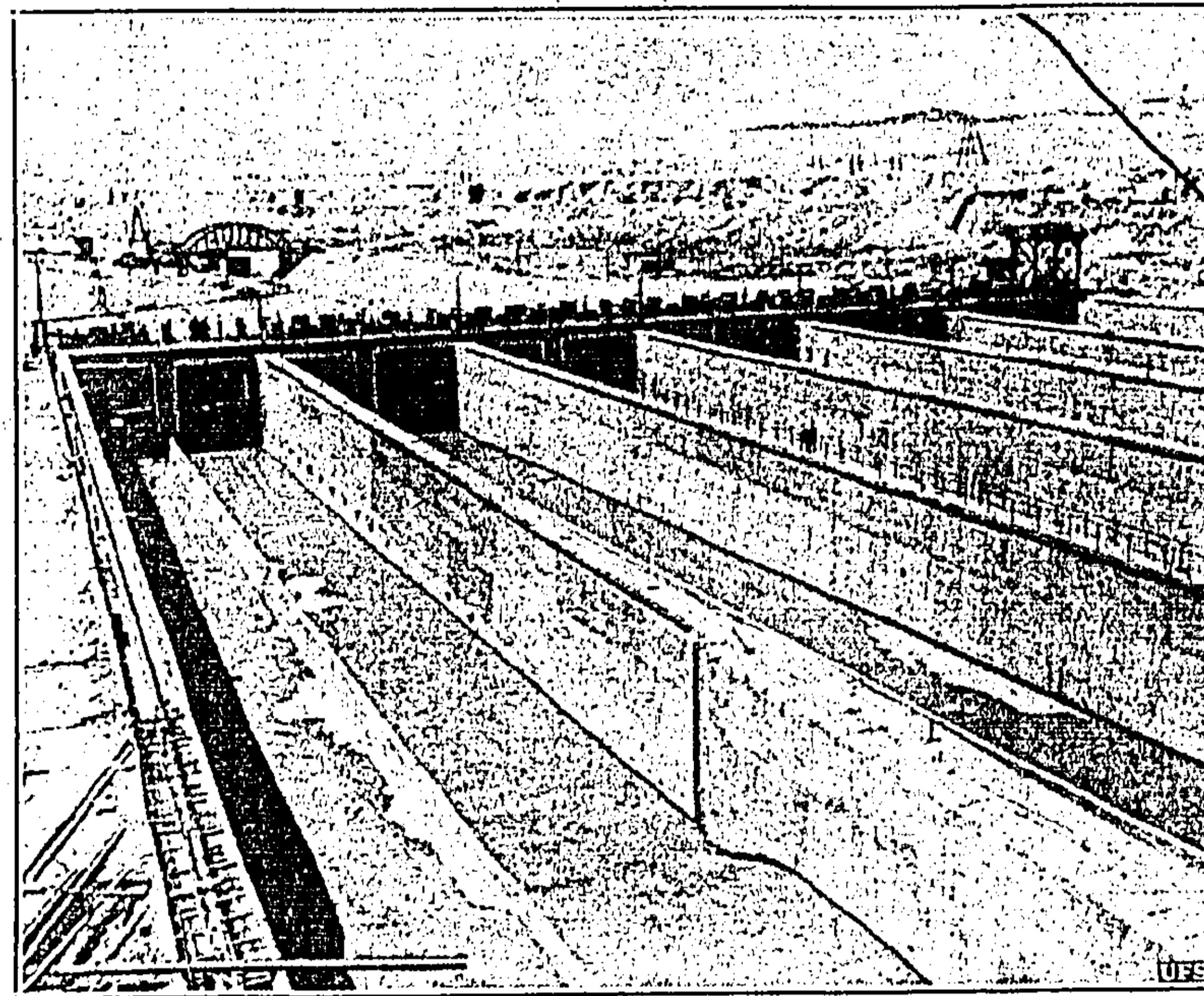
It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed.

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different people in the different places which they traversed.

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### THREATENED BY GERMANS

The Dnieperstroy Dam is now threatened by the Nazis in their latest southern Ukraine drive. The huge Dam is built close to the Dnieper River near Dnepropetrovsk, and is about 200 miles northeast of Nikolaev, important Ukraine seaport which has fallen to the advancing German forces.



NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—Numerous explosions that shook lower Manhattan to-day accompanied a raging fire which broke out at the East River wharf where British ships are loaded with supplies for Britain and Egypt.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges.

The Coast Guard and fire boats raced to the rescue.

Two people were killed and 55 people were injured—some feared fatally—in the fire. Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as lunch-hour crowds poured out from offices.

#### Flames Spread

The fire which began with a series of explosions, sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges afire and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

The American freighter Panucco, laden with quicksilver, minerals and hemp, caught fire, was cut loose and drifted off blazing from stem to stern. A flaming barge was cast adrift and floated lazily down the river while fire-boats threw tons of water on it.

Five fire alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Station, from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

## British Cargo Explodes, Blaze In N.Y. Harbour: 2 Die; 55 Injured

### Quo Endorses 8 Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Foreign Minister, to-day issued a statement, saying that the Chinese Government and people whole-heartedly welcome and endorse the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, which is essentially in harmony with Dr Sun Yat-sen's advocacy for a "great commonwealth of nations."

Dr Quo said that he believed post-war reconstruction would be more difficult than winning the war, requiring the supreme efforts of all peoples, in which the Chinese people are prepared to fully contribute.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said that he believed that the shortest way to suppress aggression was to defeat Japan first by encirclement of Japan.

The Japanese are also playing up the reinforcement of the Malaya garrisons as a direct threat to Thailand—apparently with the idea of opening the Thailand oyster, the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

Tension is heightened by the stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was the broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

#### Malaya Ready

The man in the street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire. This is exemplified by the presence, everywhere, of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including stalwart sunburned Australians, tanned Indians

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### Latest Goering Reports

#### Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prison camps, Field Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed.

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different people in the different places which they traversed.

#### Insurgents Of Iraq To Face Trial

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The former commander of the Royal Bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in Rasid Ali's revolt have been placed on the trial list according to a Baghdad telegram. A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.

## Expectancy In Singapore

(BY SELBY WALKER, REUTER'S CHIEF CORRESPONDENT IN THE FAR EAST)

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18.—A feeling of tense expectancy continues to pervade Singapore in view of the multi-lingual Japanese campaign of vilification of the alleged Anglo-American encirclement of Japan.

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## WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE

### Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

#### Incendiaries

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by a fire which was still visible from

## Churchill's Thrilling Trans-Atlantic Trip

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With The Royal Navy)

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Escorted by destroyers of the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy, the giant battleship Prince of Wales has reached a British port and thus ended the Prime Minister's amazing journey.

He was in one of the British escort and never once did we sight any hostile craft, either in the air or on the sea or beneath.

It was truly an amazing voyage—amazing in the first place in the significance that the Prime Minister should travel across the Atlantic and hold a series of conferences with President Roosevelt; and in the second place that he should return in a blaze of publicity.

Officers aboard our destroyer scratched their heads and looked at me for explanation when they heard over the ward-room wireless that Mr Churchill was returning in the Prince of Wales.

It seemed to us as if an open challenge had been issued to Hitler to do his worst, for there we were,

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## N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia Radio denies a "Domei" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the Democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

allowing seven Maple Leaf runs to cross the plate on five hits and three bounces. Tomashovsky's prodigious home driving in Waller featured the brilliant Canadian rally in this inning.

Portugal's fourteen men team all got into the fray and from this angle the champions will be a strong threat for the title once again this year. The keying duo of Zinho Gomes and George Souza showed peppery form in their first pairing together and appear to be the foundation of Portugal's defence in this year's International hunt.

GRANDPA Leung's Chinese Maroons trimmed the Royal Engineers 8-4, for their second straight victory over the Sappers in the loop schedule.

Cleking off with a single run in the 1st when Choy Ping-fun salled home on Bill Chung's single to centre, the Chung Hwanne added three more in the 3rd canto after Al Lau was thrown out at first on a bunt.

P.F. Choy sizzled a liner over short, stole second and crashed home on wild throws. Rookie K. S. Kwok walked, pilfered second and crossed the plate when Bill Chang drove a stinging triple to deep left; the bustling Chinese backstop bore in with the third run on an error at the plate. Hank Chan fanned and Baby Ching was caught stealing second for the last out in this big Maroon inning.

The Leungmen added two more runs in the next frame and cruised in with single markers in the 5th and 7th, to finish off another winning ball game.

Welford's Sappers flushed out with a last effort spurt in the last two stanzas, mushing through with two runs in the 6th when Chinese twirler Al Lau weakened in the torrid atmosphere to walk four batters. With the Maroon tosser in the well-known hole, two Sapper tallies sailed across the pan.

In the last frame, the Engineers again put hurler Al Lau in a tough spot. Tom Fox scored on Mac Shaw's single. Then, with two on, the Sappers filled the bases, but in the tense setting, Mickey Sarfield rolled a slow bounder to the pitcher, ending the losers last-embered threat.

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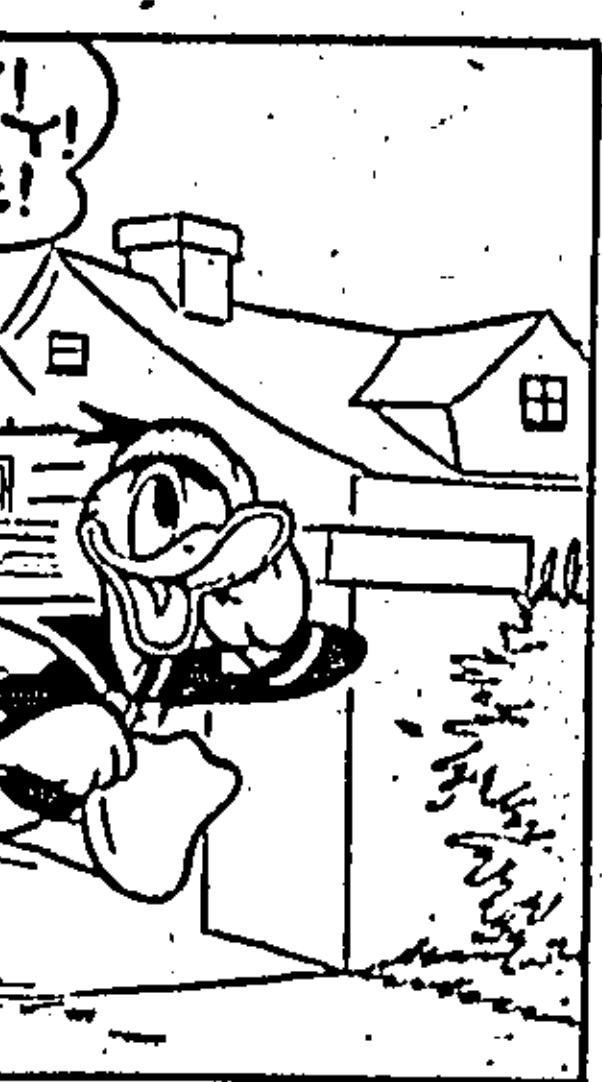
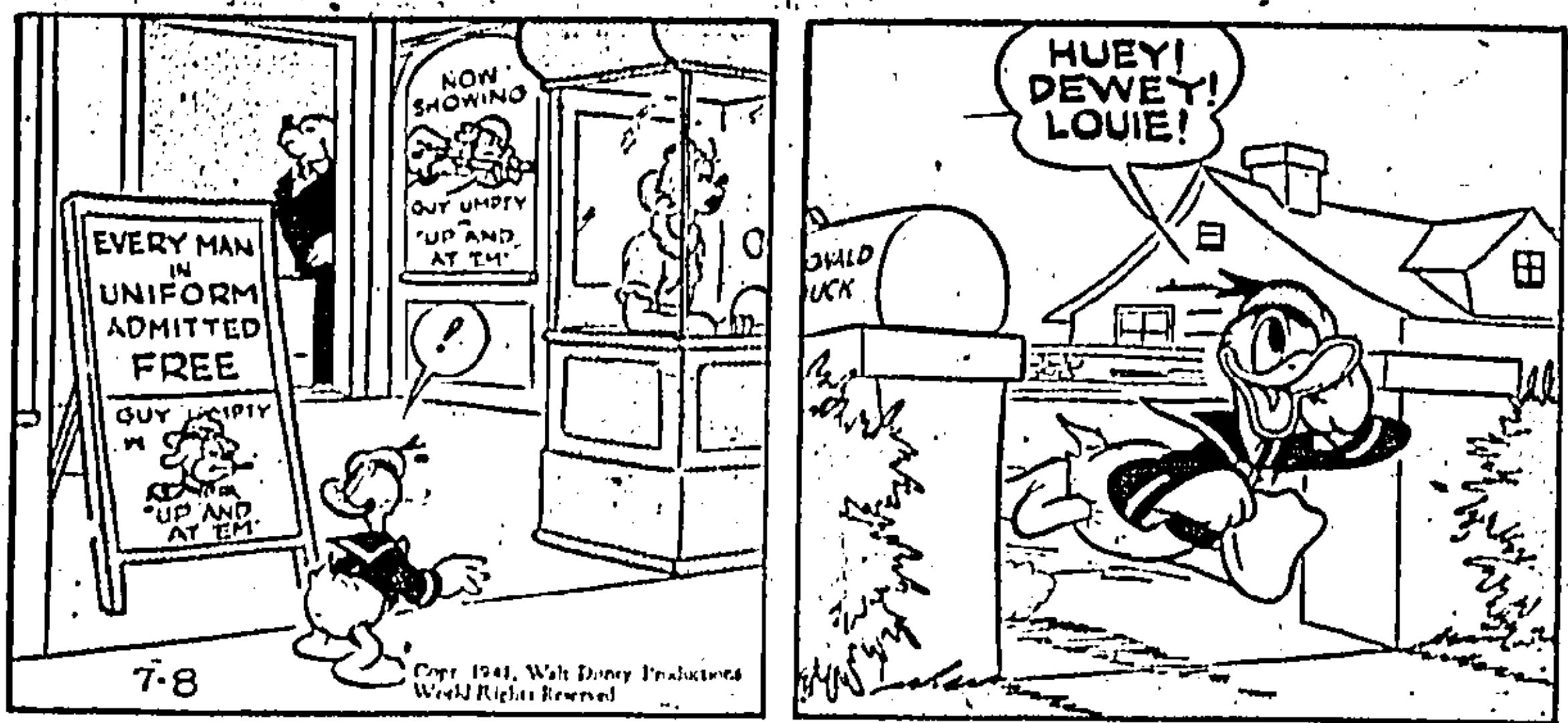
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## CONTRACT BRIDGE How to Play How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Don't Always Return Partner's Lead!

The question of returning partner's opening lead is a very difficult one and no general rule can be a satisfactory guide. The literal truth is that "sometimes you should and sometimes you shouldn't." Admittedly, this doesn't do the average player much good, but at least it warns him that he should not rely too much on the old and thoroughly outmoded "law" that partner's lead should always be returned. The fact is that it depends on circumstances. Note to-day's deal, in which a defender not only made a quick shift of suits, but selected the one card within the suit that could defeat the contract.

South, dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
The bidding:

♦ K J 10	♦ A 4 3
♦ K 8 4	♦ 7 6
♦ Q 6 4	♦ 0 J 10 9 8 2
♦ 6 5 3	♦ ♦ Q 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 N T Pass 2 N T Pass  
3 N T Pass Pass Pass

West opened the nine of spades, dummy played the ten, and East, seeing no reason to hold up the ace, won the trick. Rather than return the opening lead automatically and woodenly, East considered his problem from different angles. First, there was the chance that the nine of spades had been a short suit opening, in which case a return would be downright silly. Second, even if West had a four or five card spade suit, from the cards in sight in dummy and East's own hand, it was obvious that West could not have

To-morrow's Hand  
Rubber bridge.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
South dealer.

♦ K J 9	♦ Q 10 5
♦ Q 6 4	♦ 8 2
♦ Q 5 4	♦ 0 10 9 8 3
♦ Q J 10 6	♦ ♦ K 9 4

How should this hand be played at a four heart contract with South the declarer?

## 35 YEARS

The United States court for China is celebrating this year the completion of 35 years of judicial activity in China.

It holds the distinction of being the only United States court operating off American soil, but now faces the possibility of being abolished sometime in the future when the United States, in accordance with its pledge to the Chungking Government, gives up its extra-territorial treaty rights in China.

Acting on that sound premise, East selected the nine of hearts, and this efficient entry to clear and cash spade tricks. Thus a shift was quite logical. There was no sense shifting to diamonds; dummy was much too long in that suit, and the club situation appeared equally unpromising. Having arrived at hearts by the process of elimination, East next considered what heart he should lead. His 9-7 were a tenace over dummy's eight. If West had the ten of hearts, all heart leads by East would be the same. If West had the queen and not the ten, a low heart would be fatal.

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It is interesting to note that no other card could have been led by East at the second trick to achieve this result.

## Illicit Business

During the early years of the Court's existence the laxity in application of law threatened to undermine its existence. Illicit business at that time was flourishing under the title of American citizenship and the political indifference was far from Washington's control.

The first judge of the Court and several of his successors were involved in numerous scandals. However, the Court gradually became one of the recognised institutions of China and now has attained the highest of recognition both here and abroad.

During the depression years of 1934 and 1935 numerous American firms were forced into receivership and there was danger that the credit of American nationals in Shanghai would be affected. The Court, however, adopted the new United States bankruptcy act and several American firms reorganised to their creditors' benefit.

## Federal Court

In 1935 the court held a nine weeks' session at Tien-

tsin and Peking where for the first time in American history, a federal Court sat on a military reservation—the sessions were held in the U.S. Marines compound of the American Embassy. The same year the Court held its first session in Canton.

The outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war presented court cases of a complicated nature, involving questions of property rights, war risk insurance and whether the Chinese were evading the Japanese by obtaining American registration of their firms.

In one instance the Court dissolved a Tientsin corporation due to insufficient American control, and this decision was made the basis for future cases in determining whether the Japanese in their seizures were affecting American or purely Chinese property.

Lawyers acclaimed the ruling, saying the Court was exercising vigilance to prevent the possible abuse of American citizenship and extraterritorial rights. However, it was admitted there was still some misuse of these rights.

## When Peace Comes

If and when peace returns to China, with the Chungking Government retaining its sovereignty, the United States and Great Britain have promised to again take up the question of abolition of extraterritoriality. This would inevitably mean the end of the United States Court for China.

Chinese judicial leaders, however, claim the work by the United States Court will endure as a "monument" to

has the U.S. Court for China been in existence: it will be abolished as soon as peace comes to China

BY ROBERT P. MARTIN  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

American jurisprudence and say its effect will be felt in shaping the future administration of justice for China.

The Court's present Judge, Milton J. Helmick, sailed unexpectedly for the United States recently, causing a certain amount of surprise, since some legal circles say major cases cannot be heard until his return. They explained he could not be replaced except by Commissioner N. E. Lurton, who has been empowered to hear only lesser cases.

Although legal circles were surprised by the suddenness of his decision to return to the United States, they understood Helmick was only planning a brief vacation and also to attend the wedding of his niece and ward, Miss Sandy Tittman to John R. Morris, Far Eastern Manager for the United Press.

Helmick was born in St Louis, Mo., and attended Stanford University and the University of Denver.

He is widely known throughout New Mexico, where he was attorney general and judge of the district court. Helmick served in the infantry of the United States Army during the World War. He was appointed as head of the Court for China in 1934.

## EVACUEE ITEMS FROM AUSTRALIA

Indirect link with Hongkong was provided by the arrival in Australia recently of Lady Hylda Wrench, who, before her marriage to Sir Evelyn Wrench, the post card king, was the wife of the late Sir Frederick des Voeux, the seventh baronet. He, in turn,

was related to the former Governor of Hongkong, Lady Hylda, who was born in Pau, France, says her recreations are travelling and getting away from crowds.

Mrs F. C. Clemo has joined the Sydney WANS (Women's Auxiliary Nursing Service), and looks maty in her new blue uniform.

Mr T. H. King, the former Commissioner of Police of Hongkong, recently addressed Sydney's staid Millions Club. Members, expecting an exciting discourse on some of Mr King's experiences—he is said to have seen more pirates, bandit outrages and civil war disturbances than any other European in China—heard instead a talk on Hongkong's beauties. He refused to comment on politics or Japan.

The Diarist of the Sydney "Daily Mail" says:—Stunning looked Mrs G. Harding Tilley, of Hongkong, in sapphire blue dinner frock with chunky gold jewellery, dining and dancing at Romano's with her husband.

The Diarist also peeked in at the Prince's, another Sydney night club, and saw there, among many people from the East, the following from Hongkong—Mrs Helen O'Connor and Wilfred Edge.

Mrs J. T. Prior is teaching many Australian ladies at a twice-weekly sewing bee to make felt toys, of which 300 are wanted for the Christmas drive in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

## "V" For Victory Aids Bombers Latest Donations

The "V" for Victory campaign is now reflected in the donations to the Red Cross Fund, which has reached a total of \$2,400,000, the following being the latest list:

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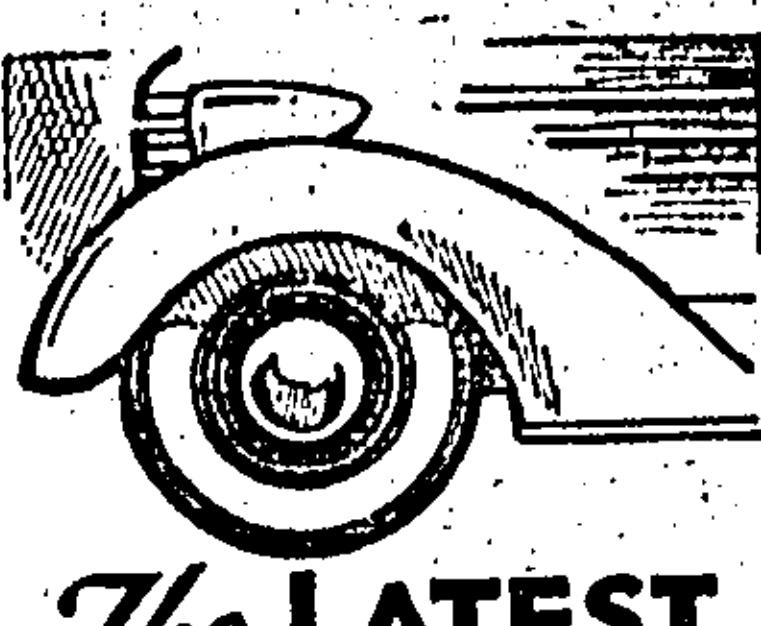
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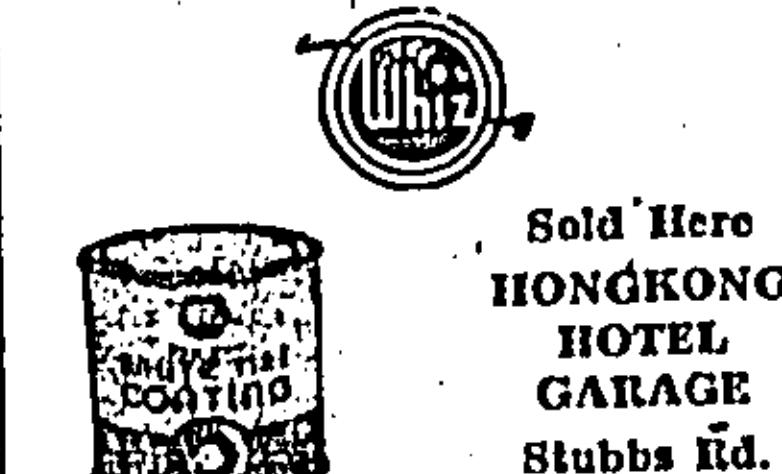
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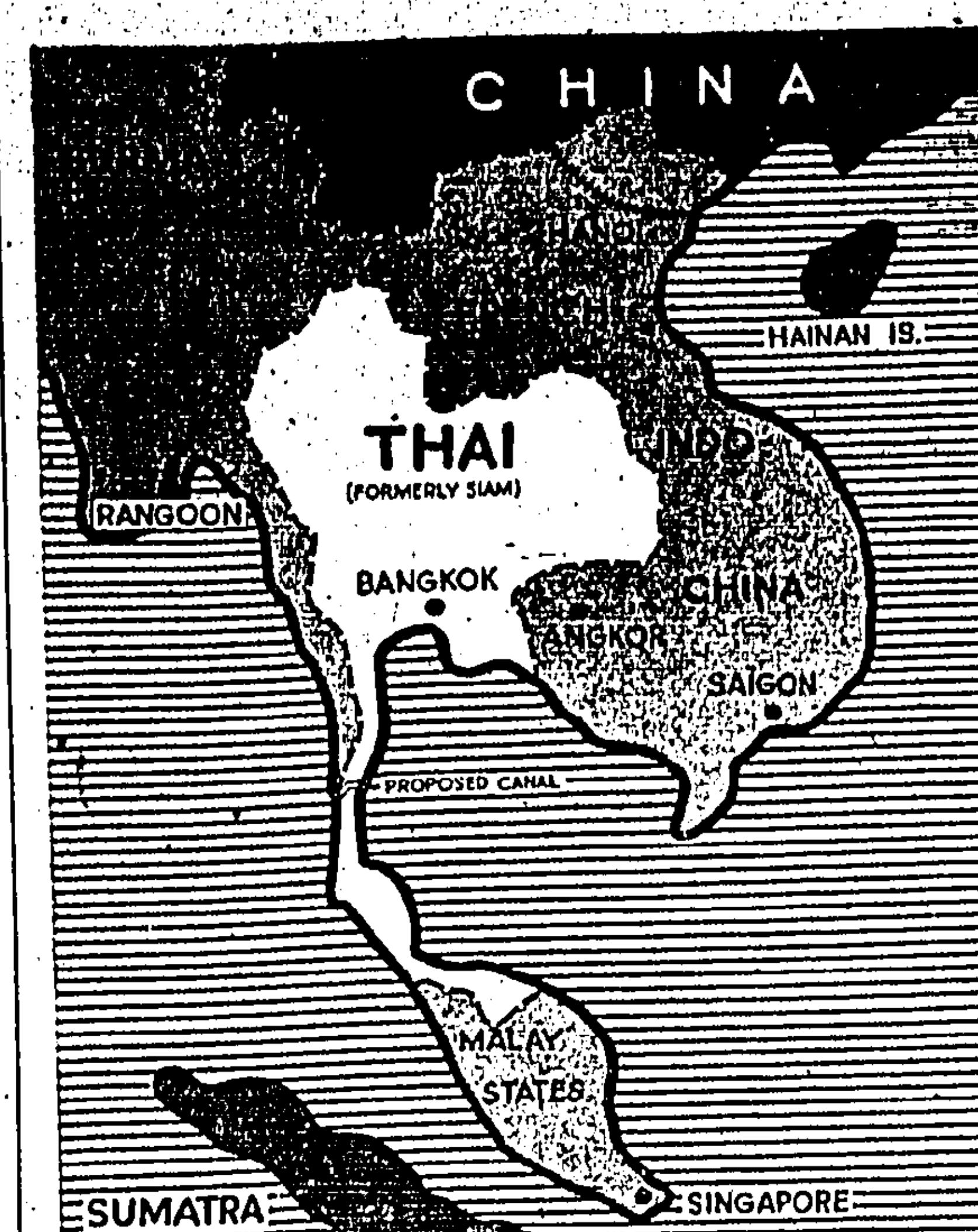
**THIRD BLITZ**

There is no doubt that the Germans are making a desperate and terrible attempt to crush Russia before Winter. Already they have encountered a quality in the Russian opposition which has exacted a terrible toll of manpower, tanks, planes and all the other impediments of modern warfare—a stern and disquieting reality which must indeed cause Hitler furiously to think. Even should this third blitzkrieg against Russia achieve success, it will not mean final victory.

It is true that the Russians have been dealt almost staggering blows, but the intelligence and determination in their mode of defence augur well for a continuance of their resistance. They too can count upon a tremendous reserve of manpower, while it appears reasonable to assume their equipment is up-to-date, efficient and plentiful.

The close association which has now been formed between Great Britain, The United States and Russia is another factor which must be greatly disturbing to Hitler. Time was when there was reason to believe that Russia would remain aloof from the present war at all costs, assuming a role which almost mystified the democracies. Later, the failure of the British Military Mission in Russia, and the almost simultaneous success of the German Mission, left us bewildered and not a little concerned.

Subsequent events upset all reckoning, the greatest and most sensational being the sudden manner in which Hitler attempted to double-cross Stalin, by invading Russian territory. After nine weeks of the greatest mass warfare in history, the world's arch-aggressor finds himself in an unpleasant quandary as one can imagine. It is a cause for the utmost gratification on the part of Germany's foes to know that Hitler, genius as he thinks he is, has made a colossal blunder in antagonising Russia. There is not only a limit to Germany's ability to over-ride and ruthlessly smash other nations, but a limit to the endurance of her people and to her material resources. So far, the Russian



Thailand's position in relation to international politics to-day is but doubtfully understood—if understood at all—by those who profess to make a study of the changes and transitions that have been, and are, taking place around us. The country's political progress and economic development in recent years have become increasingly obvious to the close observer of Thailand's affairs, and with the imminent threat of Japanese occupation and the prospect of a showdown within her borders, the time is opportune, perhaps, for a brief survey of conditions as they exist to-day in the only country in South-East Asia to maintain her independence throughout the centuries.

Until a few years ago Thailand was regarded as nothing more than a "backwoods region," too embroiled in her own internal worries to be of any significance in world affairs. This was the consensus of opinion in most of the more progressive nations with the exception of Japan, whose statesmen saw in the apparent disregard of Thailand an opportunity for spreading the influence of Nippon into a little discussed part of the world as a groundwork for her Pan-Asiatic doctrine.

With the commencement of the Japanese movement realisation also came to Thailand. The country was roused from its state of querulous apathy, and recent years have seen Thailand pass through a stage of transition unprecedented in her whole history. Throughout this period, which first made itself felt in 1932 when a coup d'état carried out by an organisation called the People's Party turned the country overnight from an absolute monarchy into a constitutional government, Japanese influence has been steadily gaining ground in Bangkok politics.

**STAGE OF TRANSITION**

The People's Party still remains the only politically conscious body in the country and alone provides the Government, which is run by a "National Assembly" consisting of 188 members, half of whom are nominated by the People's Party and the other half elected. This arrangement was made for a period of ten years—until 1942—by which time the country is expected to be sufficiently qualified to be governed by a fully-elected Assembly.

The weakness of the arrangement became apparent for the first time in the spring of 1939 when a demand in the Assembly by an elected Member for a detailed account of Government expenditure was refused. There were also allegations of mismanagement of the privy purse. The unexpected happened when the nominated members joined their elected colleagues in voting against the Government, causing a political crisis of the first magnitude and resulting in the resignation of the Premier Col. Phya Bahon Bulayana-sena.

This brought to the limelight Thailand's politics the present Prime Minister, Major-General Luang Bipul Songram, who has emerged as the virtual dictator of the country, controlling the army, navy and air force in his capacity as Defence Minister, in addition to his office as Premier. He is also Minister of the Interior and Chancellor of the Bangkok University.

Having received part of his military training in Germany, Major-General Bipul Songram has shown a decided preference for German methods in the training of his armed forces and the selection of his armaments, and this may have accounted partly for the large number of very military-looking Germans in Bangkok during those fateful months of two years ago.

campaign has merely served to weaken her, and bring nearer the day when she will be on the defensive, trying desperately to stave off the *coup de grâce* which Great Britain and the United States are planning to administer. It is encouraging to know that Hitler has plunged his people into a gigantic struggle which, according to his plans should have been but a side issue. It is also interesting to consider the difficulty which now confronts both his dupes, Italy and Japan.

**Facts concerning the country of the moment in the Far East scene**

of her new constitution, the British and French territories on her border were naturally caused some anxiety, but Bangkok was quick to explain that armed security was essential for internal security and that that was the only purpose of the country's armament plans. What part submarines and aeroplanes have to play in internal security were never explained, but what happened a few months ago, when greatly superior numbers of Cambodian border a few months ago, when greatly superior numbers of That aeroplanes attacked inadequately equipped French troops, is too fresh in the mind to need reiteration.

With a well-trained and fully-equipped army, a small but efficient navy and an air force which is said to count well over 500 planes, Thailand may be considered more than sufficiently well-equipped for the preservation of her "internal security."

There has been conscription in Thailand for many years. Every man of 21 years is required to spend two years in the army, except those who have passed the high school examination, who do only one year's military service. Army pay is small and the discipline strict, soldiers be-

ing benefits. But the statesmen of Thailand, who had been chary of accepting offers from western powers, apparently had different views on the question of accommodation from Tokyo, as the recent loan of ten million bahts from Japan would show. This is a position hard to reconcile with Thailand's aspirations, but nevertheless there it is, and that again is just the position which Japan would like her to adopt, as political influence must necessarily follow in the wake of financial aid.

In support of this explanation is the recent inclination of Thailand to withdraw certain concessions which had been granted to foreign countries, (excepting Japan) thus closing the door to foreign exploitation in her territory and reserving the whole area within her boundaries to Thai industry and enterprise. Glaring cases in point are the restrictions imposed on the British and American oil and tobacco companies in Bangkok, which virtually strangled their trade and made room for Thailand markets. The oil is brought crude from Manchukuo and refined in Thailand, by Thai experts trained in America and Japan.

There is nevertheless strong ground for assuming that the Thailanders

**SPOTLIGHT ON THAILAND**

Songgram even went so far as to allow only one evening off start the Yuwajon movement, which each week. The men are well-nourished, healthy and their morale is based on the Hitler Youth Movement, throwing the entire school system into a great deal of strain. They are very smart on going youth of Thailand into the parade.

With a population of 15,000,000 Thailand counts on being able to put 1,000,000 men under arms in an emergency. Nor is the country lacking in equipment or materials.

Popular as Bipul Songram is, two attempts were made on his life since he took office. Once he was shot during past years, several armament and munition factories, the two largest being at Bangkok and Sung Na. Both are managed and run exclusively by Thailanders trained abroad.

Military air bases have been constructed all over the country, the one at Sathorn Hip is considered to be the biggest and the best. The Bangkok civil airport is also said to be convertible into a military air base at a moment's notice.

The keynote of his policy is acute nationalism and entire self-sufficiency. Numerous labour laws have been introduced to achieve this goal, and many of them make it almost impossible for aliens to get work in Thailand. For instance, no alien who cannot speak fluent Thai is allowed to take up manual work, and rickshaw pullers' licences are refused to all but Thailanders. The Chinese, being the largest immigrants, are the most severely affected by this legislation.

That officials have stated that as much as 90 percent of the labour employed in the country is "foreign" and for purposes of their own the Japanese have interpreted the word "foreign" to refer to the Chinese (who have admittedly emigrated to Thailand in large numbers in recent years) and Japanese propaganda has made much of Thailand's decision to reduce Chinese immigration. Influence by making it one of the standpoints of Thailand's sympathy with Japan's Pan-Asiatic ideals.

The most significant step in Thailand's recent politics, however, is the change of name from Siam. The language spoken not only in Thailand but in its irredenta, which comprises certain districts of Cambodia and Laos, in French Indo-China, the northernmost states of the Malay Peninsula (these are now under British protection but still pay annual tribute to Bangkok) and some of the Shan States of North Burma which Thailand ceded to Britain many years ago. Does this mean that Thailand expects one day to extend her boundaries to cover the entire Thali-speaking corner of the globe?

While Thailand started spending large sums on an extensive armaments programme under the aegis

themselves—especially those of the educated classes—have come under Japanese influence and they of the opinion that their country would stand to gain a great deal from the development of closer relations with Japan. This is very obvious from the general tone of the vernacular press. And Bangkok alone, boasts more daily newspapers than the County of London.

Here is an instance of the influences with which Japan has woven herself into the economic life of Thailand. The climate and geographical conditions of Thailand are most favourable to the cultivation of cotton and rubber, and while the Thailanders and the Chinese neglected these, the Japanese were quick to seize the opportunity growing in Thailand and to make closer economic cooperation between the two countries. Japanese exports reported favourably, and to-day certain business interests in Osaka have started operations on a large scale in order to meet the requirements of the mother country.

**FUTURE PROGRESS**

In the same way tin and rubber from Thailand now find an open market in Japan. Thailand has thus found a ready buyer, and in return has permitted—perhaps unconsciously—that to which she was once opposed, namely, foreign (in this case Japanese) assistance for exploitation. The inference is obvious.

For this change of attitude, even if it was done unconsciously, the Thailander's side of the case to be heard. According to him, Thailand was unable to find a market for her cotton, rubber and teak with the Western Powers. Britain, for example, was once opposed, and now whatever to assist Thailand in the development of these products, as her own colonies supplied the requirements to the full.

Thailand's mineral wealth, besides tin, is negligible. A little gold has been discovered, but not enough to attract mining interests. The only alternative left to the country is to look to a ready buyer, and in return, which did, and by way of return, Thailand has become an important purchaser of Japanese goods, thus almost completely submitting to the economic exploitation of her territories by the politicians of Nippon.

Thailand's future progress, therefore, appears to be bound up with Japan and apparently only to be expedited as Japanese influence becomes increasingly established. The only fear at the moment is that Thailand's friendliness with Japan, continued on the lines with Japan, will be repudiated, and that she may be compelled openly to accept Japan's advances—even to the extent of military collaboration. It is this danger that the Democratic front is now called upon to counter.

By DOUGLAS JANSZ



For most people Thailand, formerly Siam, brings up pictures of elephants, Siamese twins and primitive temple dancing. But Thailand isn't a land of swords and other ancient weapons. It has modern anti-aircraft guns drawn by tractors, as this photo shows. In the background are some of Bangkok's 300 Buddhist temples.

**V-I-C-T-O-R-Y !!**

These inspiring "V for Victory" verses were composed by Mrs. Garnet Malley, of Sydney, recently returned from China, who is at present in Melbourne. The verse and the first and last refrain are set to spirited march-time music in the key of C.

V — stands for VICTORY — to cause the Nazis' fall.  
"Fight! For the Right!"—is the Nation's clarion call;  
If we want our Liberty and Freedom to remain,  
We must keep on singing this stirring new refrain—

V — for VICTORY—The Empire's world-wide ring;  
I — for Independence—To which we all must cling;  
C — stands for Confidence—in the leaders of our land;  
T — for Tenacity!—The "British Bulldog" brand!  
O — for Old England—The land that gave the breed;  
R — for our Royal Family—So loyal in word and deed;—and  
Y — stands for You—who can ward off all we fear,  
By singing "V for VICTORY!"—and Save All Life Holds Dear.

V — for VANQUISH!—Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
I — for Inspiration—in this grim tug-of-war.  
C — stands for "Chins Up!"—When sent to face the call.  
T — for Teamwork!—Divided we shall fall.  
O — for those Overseas!—Our heroes of renown,  
R — for Recruiting!—We must not let them down!—But  
Y — stands for You—who can stem the tide of war!  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" you will Keep Safe from Our Shore.

V — for the VALIANT—who fell for Freedom's Sake.  
I — for our high ideals!—Great sacrifice we make!  
C — for the Cross of Faith!—for those bowed down with care;  
T — for our Thankfulness... For the strength to bear.  
O — for Our Honour!—Without Nothing can succeed;  
R — for our Religion!—In this dark hour of need;—But  
Y — stands for You!—You can do your bit this way, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" you Help Britain Win the Day!

V — for our VETERANS!—Who bore the flag before!  
I — for Inheritance!—of their fearlessness in war.  
C — for Comradery!—and the high morale it gives,  
T — for The Unknown Warrior!—His spirit ever lives!  
O — for the Ones at Home!—Who hold the home forts here!  
R — for the Red Cross!—Whose noble deeds we cheer!—But  
Y — stands for You!—And for You, and You, and You, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY!"—Before it is Too Late!

V — for VANGUARD!—Let our trumpet blast and blare!  
I — for Irresistible!—Loud cheering strikes the air!  
C — for Companions!—Fighting side by side;  
T — for Thumbs Up! boys!—Their bravery is our pride.  
O — for all the Others!—the munition workers, too!  
R — for our Royal Banner!—the true Red, White, and Blue!—But  
Y — stands for You!—So come and "Pull Your Weight!"—  
Sing "VICTORY!" Sing "VICTORY!" — and Save All Life Holds Dear!

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PHYLIS GARNET-MALLEY.

**President Receives Congress Key Men**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talk and also discussed further Lease-Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 80 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lease-Lend appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned.

**Connally's Comment**

The President gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease-Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000 but declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000 has not yet been expended."

**U. S. GOODS IN CHINA****Data At Consulates**

TIENTSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as furs, bristles, etc. to the American Consulates.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and, perhaps, lodges representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit—some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

**U. S. Increases Her Imports**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,504,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

**Short Shrift For Johore Japanese**

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Japanese living in the large defence area in the southeast corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days.

It is believed that more than 50 persons are concerned, most of them being rubber estate proprietors and mine-owners.

**No Vichy Protest To UK Yet**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in London of reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

In any case, the Syrian Armistice terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French forces. Vichy has protested against the detention of General Dentz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to Britain lands, there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.

**Famished For Three Years In Japan**

BANGKOK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The serious food shortage in Japan was stressed to-day by Colonel Luang Vira Yodhn, Military Attaché to the Thai Legation in Tokyo, who arrived here on his first home leave after seven years in Japan.

"I have gone without pork for the last three years because it simply cannot be had," he said in an interview. "Once in a while I could get some other meat. Sugar is scarce. Milk is sold only to invalids and every morning there is a scramble for vegetables. The rice I had in Japan is of an inferior quality.

"I must now eat plenty of Thai rice as I have been famished for a very long time," he laughingly added.

**C-in-C Australia In Singapore**

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of Australian Home Forces, arrived here to-day on his way to Australia.

General Mackay told "Reuter's" that everything was well in the Middle East, that conditions were improving and that the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.

**Latest Nazi Claims Continued Drive Into Ukraine****Reach Dnieper River**

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate.

Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolayev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Kremovka area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe along the entire eastern front yesterday destroyed a total of 90 Soviet planes.

**Try To Escape**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Radio Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encircled at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilation by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops and about to leave when hit by bombs and set afire.

**New Area of Operations**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—Competent German quarters to-day claimed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war materials in that area. It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

**Dnieper Reached**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units, who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Krivobrog had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

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**"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes****U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong****Weak Infield Fails  
Moundsman Powlawski****Mindanao Tars Batter  
South China 15-7**

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgin's Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

RINGING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each break in stride, slashed through with three big tallies in the last of the initial frame after Uncle Sam's men had gone one up, on Crooner Rue's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Star tally on a wild heave. Showboat Ali, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this can on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with Navy tally in the 2nd stanza, but the Colonials added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild throw by the bewildered R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano toward the pain.

The big-break came in the 5th inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th.

George Sousa again doubled to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, relayed from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starry Sousa scampering across the plate.

**Lawn Bowls****Open Pairs  
Results**

TWO MATCHES in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship were played yesterday, the first at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club resulting in an overwhelming win by 34-13 for W. B. Harris and A. Soutar over A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, and the second at the Cragengower being a very narrow 19-17 victory for N. J. Bebbington and J. McGowan over W. J. Burling and M. N. Rusken.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole six sides thereupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the recent moves.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the friendliest of discussions on the difficult took place.

**Alternative Proposal**

THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating that he suggested that the addition of other Clubs should be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half, teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first ten ranking matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be reinstated.

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**Weekend Stars**

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and issuing one free pass; later led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the pan with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chin, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouted a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with another starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for a double and a single, and crossing the plate with two runs and drove in two more.

Mack McKenzie and Greasy Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrible M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the pan with four runs; latter climaxed a heavy-clouting weekend with a perfect day at bat slaming out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove in two more.

Gerry Gosano and Zinno Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played pepperly bat at the keystone sack and smacked out a pair of highlighted doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crooner Rue, hard-hitting all-round infielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, free admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul hoist.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting "Slider" to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes, but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORUGAL'S defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nation confab formerly held in Geneva.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the bull mob with a combined "Nick Altrock-Al Shacht" act, all in one, when right fielder Red the Rover, Scores made a big go in his first try at the intricacies of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a fast foot tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as bean-labeled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

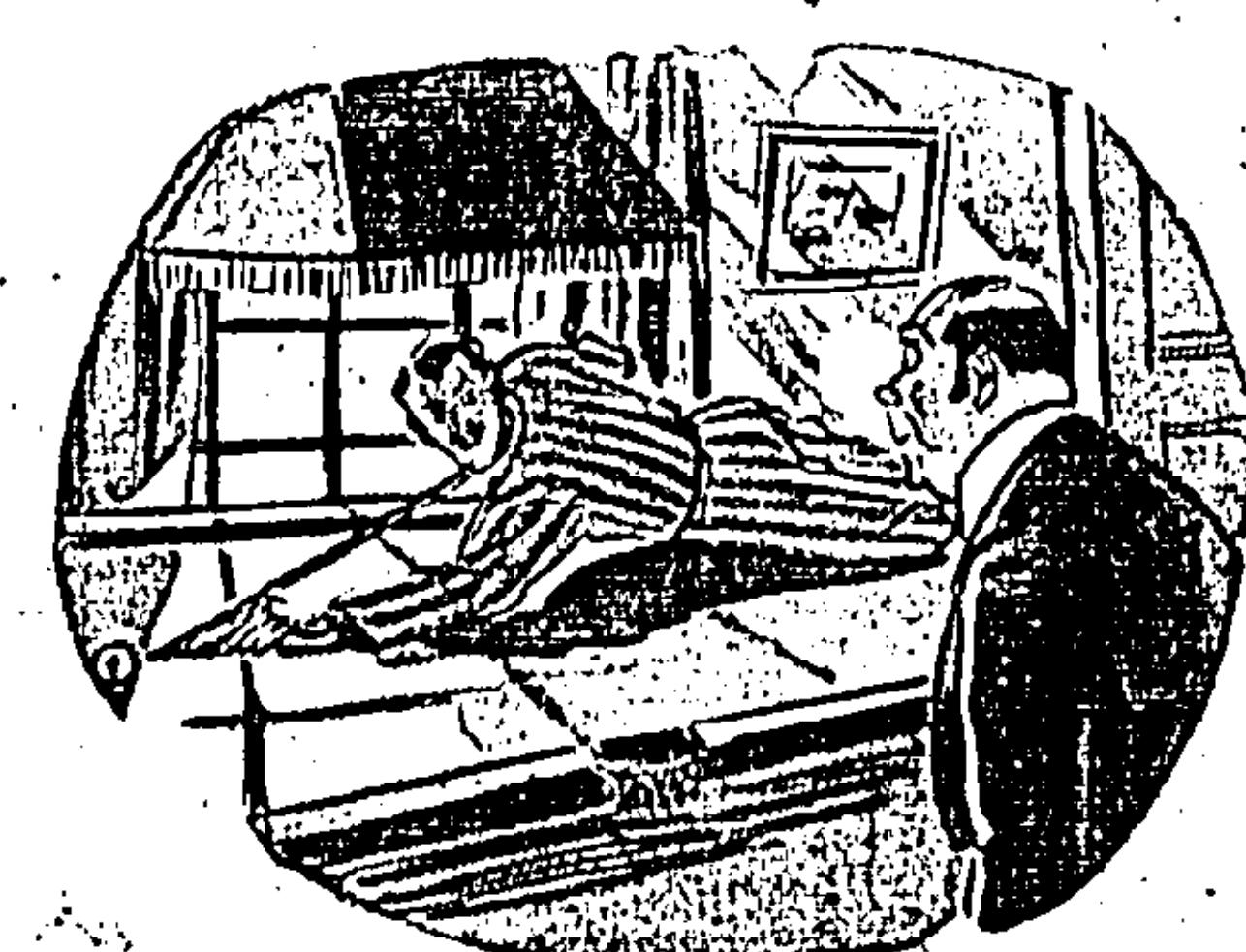
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"Yes, Sir. Of course, Sir."

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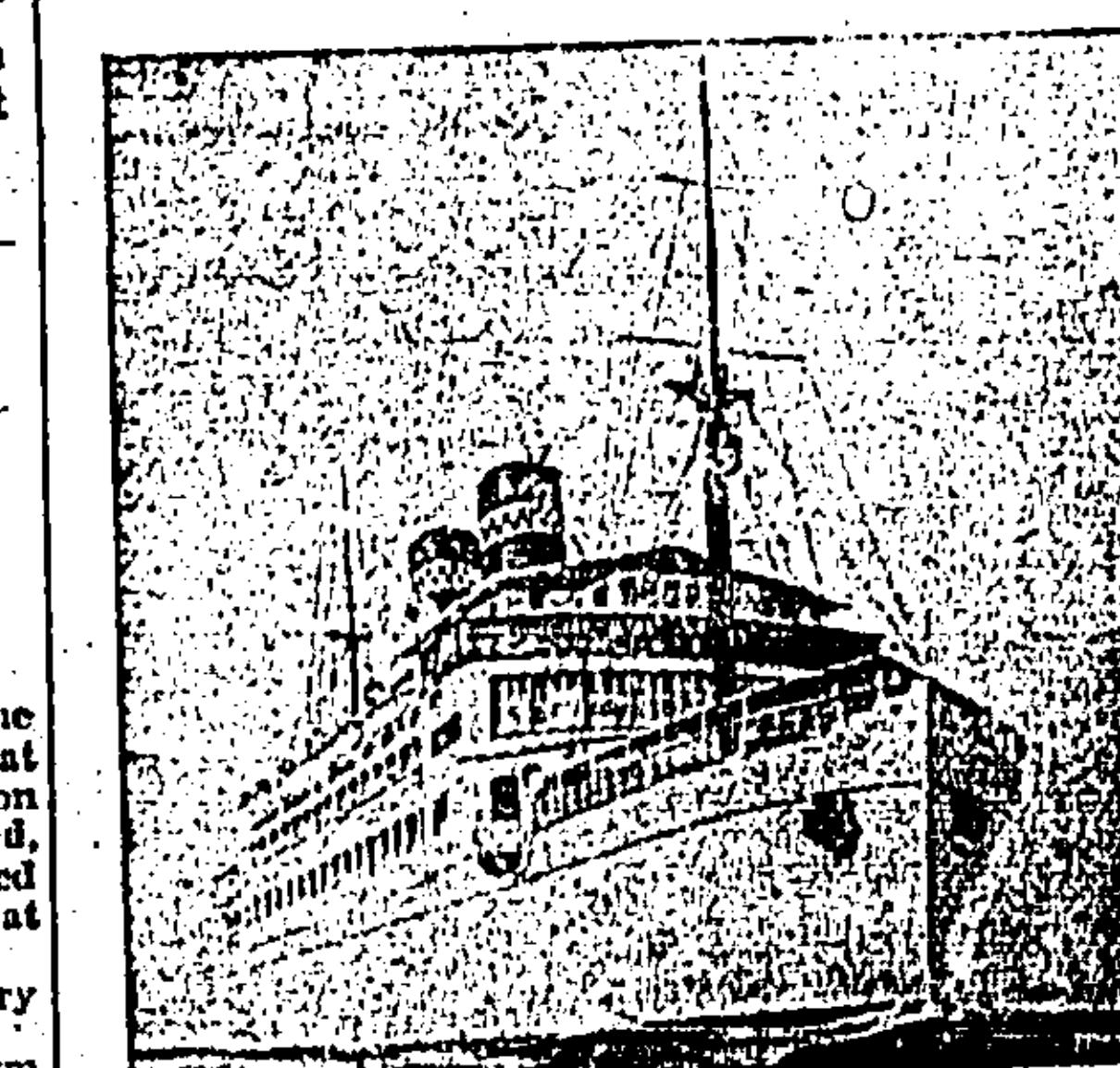
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"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

"No, Hawkins—I've been taking Rose's Lime Juice—suitably diluted with gin. Henceforth I give all hangovers a lifelong miss in baileys."

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**Basketball**  
**V. R. C. NARROWLY  
BEATEN BY  
CHINESE Y. M. C. A.**

Two basketball matches in the Wu Teh-chen Cup tournament at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon yesterday resulted as expected, when Wah Kiu overwhelmed Trojans 64-82 and Y.M.C.A. beat Victoria Recreation Club 51-43. Wah Kiu outplayed Trojans in every department and led throughout. Y.M.C.A. were badly out of form and V.R.C. threatened them with defeat. Although strong in their combination, V.R.C. need a polishing up in their shooting before they have a chance.

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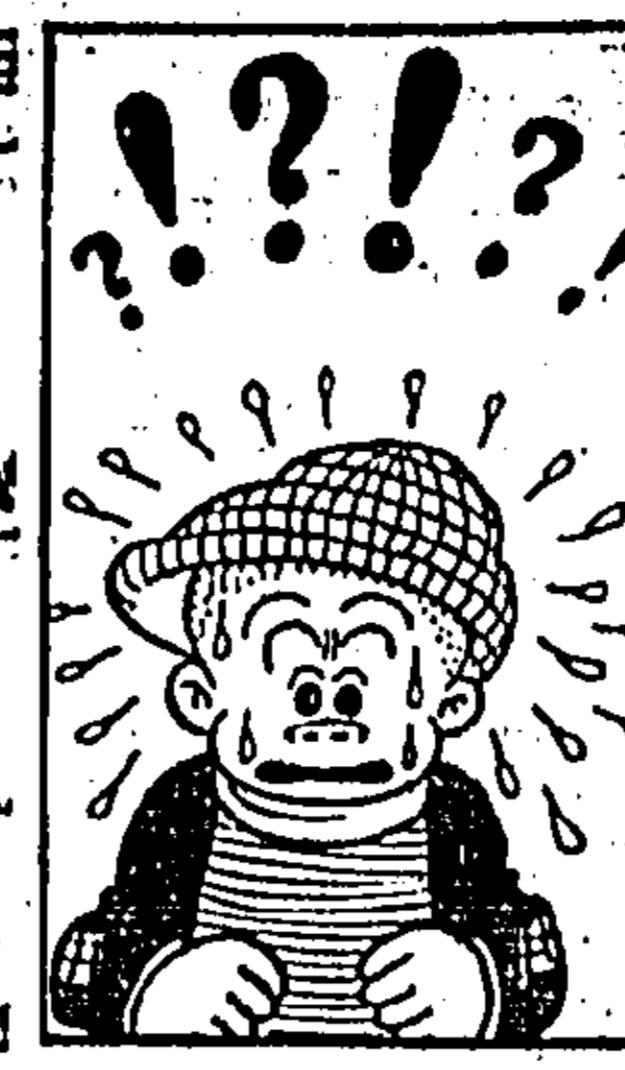
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would result in the immediate reinstatement of the Southern Clubs to membership of the League and would not interfere with the London War Cup, which has already been arranged.

In order that the matter can be placed in detail before the London Clubs, Mr Cuff and Mr Cearns have consented to meet the Londoners when a more detailed explanation of the compromise can be given.

## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## India Exercising Functions Of Free Nation, Statesman Says

By Henry Wood,

United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, California, Aug. 17 (UP).—Sir Firoz Khan Noon, High Commissioner for India to Europe and the two Americas, painted a new picture here of India as already exercising virtually all the functions of a free nation, and lacking only official recognition of her new status.

"The fact that I am here in the United States negotiating directly a new trade, navigation and commerce agreement between the United States and India shows the extent to which India has already won her freedom," he declared.

"In the gradual evolution of other British dependencies into free and equal members of the British Commonwealth of Nations the relinquishing to them of control of their own foreign affairs has always been the last step towards complete independence."

"India to-day is in complete control of the administration of all her domestic affairs and we are even beginning to exercise control over some of our foreign affairs, such as treaty-making."

"We are, in fact, already an independent nation, except for the official recognition of it—and that is just around the corner."

Sir Firoz declared that "in all India to-day there are only 100,000 whites. Of this total number," he stated, "fifty thousand are soldiers while the others some are servants. There remains also only 1,000 members of the British Civil Service. All the rest of the administration of government is now in our own hands."

Sir Firoz explained that the last and only obstacle to recognition of India's independence is purely a local one of internal domestic politics.

## The Constitution

"In 1935 when we rejected the Constitution which England offered us, we were told to go ahead and prepare our own Constitution and England would accept it. Since then dissensions alone between our two major political parties has alone prevented our preparing that Constitution."

"Gandhi's party, which might be qualified as the conservative one, represents 90 percent of all India. The opposition party, which might be classified as the 'left,' represents the other 10 percent. Once they get together on a compromise, our already attained independence will be recognised."

## Bit Socialistic

The new, independent India that is emerging, he stated, will have some strong socialist principles in its structure.

"The new India," he stated, "owns the railways, post offices, irrigation works and many other public utilities. This came about by the fact that as the English withdrew we took over all installations which they had made."

From the standpoint of government, Sir Firoz declared that it is now entirely in the hands of Indian officials.

"Even in British India," he stated, "the administration in all eleven of the districts has been in our own hands since 1937. On the outbreak of the war, one of the eleven provinces had been for more than two years had been administered by Indian Ministers elected by Indians responsible to Indian legislatures."

All India, he stated, accepts Gandhi's conception of independence as that of Canada and South Africa, namely a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations on the basis of absolute equality.

"No realistic nation to-day," he declared, "exists independently by itself. Even the United States, with all its population, wealth and resources could not exist alone for a single day were those of the combined three Axis powers launched against her."

## Political Truce

All Indian political parties having declared a truce in their internal

struggles in order to permit all India to present a united front in backing up England, Sir Firoz stated that it is hoped that during this lull the opposing parties may at last get together, patch up their differences and find a compromise basis for drawing up the constitution England has promised to accept.

"Hence recognition of our independence may come over night at any time now," he stated.

In the meantime, he declared, India has become the arsenal of the British Empire in the Pacific.

"The capacity of our four armament factories which have been in existence for 70 years now, has doubled. They are producing heavy-calibre guns; rifles, machine-guns, ammunition of all sizes and tanks. An aeroplane factory is being set up and we will also build automobiles."

"The greater part of our volunteer army of 500,000 soldiers is now overseas rendering good account of themselves on various fronts."

"Not a single Indian prince or leader will even accept the thought of totalitarian government."

"Even Gandhi himself has declared that if he had to choose between the defeat of England and continued subjugation of England, he would choose the latter, for the defeat of England would mean the disappearance of freedom from the world."

**German Claim To Ace Pilot**

Wing-Com. Moeller, of the German Air Force, is the most successful fighter-pilot in the world, the German High Command claims in a special announcement.

Moeller, who on July 17 shot down five Soviet planes, has destroyed 115 warplanes, the High Command announced.

He has destroyed 101 of these machines since Germany declared war in September, 1939, the High Command says.

His other victories were shot down during the Spanish civil war.

Moeller has been awarded the oak-leaf with swords, set in diamonds—Germany's highest decoration for gallantry.

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## Vast Mid-Pacific Interests Of U.S.

By Harry W. Frantz

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—The vast role of the Territory of Hawaii in America's plans for peace-or-war in the Pacific is strikingly revealed in a new issue of Thrush's Hawaiian Annual, which for 67 years has been a beacon light of information concerning mid-Pacific interests.

The Hawaiian Islands were formerly regarded in the light of a pleasant mid-Pacific insular entity, which could be regarded as a travel crossroads, a tourist paradise, a sugar factory, or a naval "Gibraltar" according to one's particular interest or fancy.

At present, however, Hawaii has become the hub of a great geographic wheel, the spokes of which extend to all points on the North American Continent, and far west and south into the immense Pacific ocean. Hawaii therefore is aptly called "Capital of the American Pacific," in one article of Thrush's Annual, by Edwin North McCollum.

"Hawaii is the capital of the American sphere of influence in the Pacific. North and south, east and west, lies territory of the United States. In the same area is situated possessions of foreign states—some of the belligerents in the current World War. No part of the United States is more important than the Pacific domain and not one of forty-eight states has a more vital function in American national prosperity and security than in Hawaii. Of all the American territory in the Pacific Hawaii is the most valuable. Extending about 1,600 nautical miles from the Islands of Hawaii on the southeast to Kure (Ocean) Island on the northwest, the Hawaiians dominate the eastern Pacific for the United States and lie athwart all practical air and sea routes."

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## CHILD'S LIKING FOR CANDY

## May Be Due To Unhappiness

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Carl Binger of New York offered evidence recently that a child's desire for candy and ice cream may reflect its unhappiness.

Binger wrote in the magazine, "Hygeia," that increase or loss of appetite may be caused by emotional disturbances.

"A child who feels unhappy or unloved not infrequently reacts to this state by a kind of gluttony," he said. "In addition to stuffing at meals, he will often fill up on sodas and candy between meals. He becomes fat and unloved. His parents 'pleak on him.' They urge him to restrain his appetite. He feels more unhappy and unloved and goes right on overeating; thereby defeating his own purpose."

Binger said an undeserved frown or scolding might upset a child's eating habits.

"What is true of children is generally true of adults," he added. "They exhibit a wide variety of behaviour in their attitude toward food."

He said a patient's refusal to eat might result from a wish to die or perhaps from "cannibalistic fantasies."

"A healthy person enjoys his food," Binger said, "and a loss of appetite is evidence of physical, mental or emotional illness."

## Need Not Polish Brass On Arms

London, Aug. 17 (UP).—Brass on arms and equipment must now be left unpolished, as the shining surfaces make them more conspicuous from the air. The new order does not apply to brass badges and buttons on service dress used by troops for walking out.

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## American "Hostages" In Japan Evoke Protest

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office to-day protested against the insinuation made by the United States Department of State last Saturday that one hundred Americans who are at present unable to leave Japan are being held as "hostages."

### No Explanation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—At the midday press conference to-day, Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that Japan has thus far given no satisfactory explanation of her refusal to allow American citizens to leave the country.

### Grew Sees Toyoda

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Counsellor of the United States Embassy, Mr Eugene Dooman held a lengthy conference with the Japanese Vice Foreign Minister, Mr Elji Amatay today prior to the conference between Ambassador Joseph Grew and Foreign Minister Admiral Toyoda and he returned to the Foreign Office while Mr Grew was apparently still conferring with Admiral Toyoda two hours after the conference started at 4 p.m.

The significance or the subject of the talks have not been disclosed but obviously they were questions of the utmost importance.

It is reliably stated that Mr Hull's evacuation statement is being seriously studied by the Japanese Foreign Office.

### A Soldier's Oral Will Sufficient

A soldier's oral will is legal, a Probate Court judge has decided. The Judge granted letters of administration to Mrs Peggy Spark.

Her husband, John King Spark, 25, died of injuries in a raid on England.

Evidence was given that on Aug. 5 last year, Spark told a comrade: "I wish my wife to have all I've got in case I get killed."

### KING DRIVES A NEW TANK

The King recently drove a tank for the first time. It was one of Britain's new types. Donning a white overall, His Majesty took the tank round the field and afterwards commented on the ease of handling the big, heavy vehicle. He also said he was surprised to find how comfortable was his ride.

### LATE NEWS

and men of famous English and Scottish regiments, as well as Malay soldiers. There is also the increasing feeling that the Thais will not timidly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it."

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio, commenting on British Ambassador Sir Josiah Crosby's statement to "Reuter," that the British Government have not presented any demands to Thailand, said that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed the Thai communication to the same effect.

A traveller, who recently arrived from Thailand, expressed the view to "Reuter" that war in the Far East was "inevitable."

The question was whether it would come in a matter of days through the Thais willing under the Japanese war of nerves and allowing passage of Japanese troops.

The question was also whether the Japanese would be content to wait until they had accumulated enough strength on the Thai-Indo-China frontier to accomplish their ends by military means.

### Week-End Blitz On Syracuse

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aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey.

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syreneus yesterday and destroyed one Cont Z-500 and severely damaged a number of others."

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolentch and Deborech and obtained hits on the fort buildings and trenches."

"All aircraft returned safely from these operations."

### French Consul's Conscience

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.

## Japan Tries To Assume Role Of Injured Party

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, August 19 (Domei).—Virtually all Metropolitan papers editorially commenting on the increasing collaboration among Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, urge the Government to be particularly watchful of the Anglo-American attempt to make Vladivostok another Singapore for the purpose of completing encircling of the "Kokum Shimbu" says.

Vladivostok is going to be another base for the ABCD countries to complete the encirclement of Japan as the result of the Roosevelt-Churchill talks, the "Kokum Shimbu" says.

We do not yet know to what extent Russia will co-operate with Britain and the United States in practical moves—but the Japanese Government and people must watch the rapprochement of the three countries and prepare for the worst.

United States war materials reaching Vladivostok can be utilised against Japan. Dispatch of American war materials to the Siberian port through Japan's back door cannot leave the Japanese national sentiment unstrung.

If the report is true that an American tanker with aviation gasoline was sent to Vladivostok, the "Hochi Shimbu" declares that it means that the United States is not only disregarding Japan's position in the West Pacific but also endeavouring to aggravate further Japanese-American relations.

There is no doubt that Churchill and Roosevelt discussed anti-Japanese measures in view of the British actions in enforcing a total export embargo on Japan and extending a £10,000,000 credit to Russia.

**Friends And Enemies**

"While Britain and the United States may believe that they can strangle Japan economically it may be interesting to note that Japan as well as the Japanese people are always prepared to cope with such measures for they are now aware who are their friends and who are their enemies."

The "Nikunich" commenting on the Roosevelt-Churchill talks declares that as long as Britain via Vladivostok for the purpose of strengthening the Soviet Far Eastern Army. The paper asserts that Britain and the United States may be hoping for a trouble to break out between the Soviet Union and Japan but it is doubtful whether Russia in the present plight dare to risk conflict with Japan.

### Arms To Vladivostok

The "Chugai Shogyu" indicates the possibility that the United States will send aid to the Soviet via Vladivostok for the purpose of strengthening the Soviet Far Eastern Army. The paper asserts that Britain and the United States may be hoping for a trouble to break out between the Soviet Union and Japan but it is doubtful whether Russia in the present plight dare to risk conflict with Japan.

## Churchill's Thrilling Trip

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many hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic with all dangerous U-boat infested waters to go through—but it was a challenge that was never taken up.

### Keeping Rendezvous

It was a glorious afternoon that we sailed out of a naval base to keep rendezvous with the Prince of Wales somewhere in the North Atlantic and at that time none but the Captain of the ship knew the importance of the task ahead.

One early morning, some days after leaving the naval base, as we approached to take up our position there was a sudden flurry of destroyers all round the battleship. In a few minutes we had taken our position and were zig-zagging with other warships.

We approached from head on and as we swooped to take up our position there was a sudden flurry of destroyers all round the battleship. In a few minutes we had taken our position and were zig-zagging with other warships.

During the afternoon, Catalina flying-boats patrolled the air over us and one of them reported a large convoy fifty or sixty miles ahead bound for Britain.

### Convoy Sighted

The Prime Minister had never seen a large convoy at sea, so with very little alteration of course we made toward them.

After two or three hours we could see the convoy on the horizon, and as the eye could see, there were ships, freighters, supply ships, big ships and little ships, ships of every conceivable sort and all loaded to the waterline.

They were ranged in lines—over eight miles of ships. Around them scurried their escort of corvettes and former American destroyers keeping stragglers in line and always ready for the possible approach of danger.

We steamed straight towards them and then passed right through the middle of the convoy. Each of the Prince of Wales' escorts chose its opening among the ships, and as we dashed through the lines of merchantmen we could see that they realised who it was paying them this novel visit, and we saw men running to hoist the "V" signal in flags while others stood on deck cheering and waving.

### A Proud Sight

The Prince of Wales was a proud sight. She had cocked all her great 14-inch guns to their highest levels, and if Mr Churchill was thrilled, it was nothing to the excitement among the vessels of the convoy. We steamed on for perhaps two miles ahead of the convoy, and then the Prince of Wales and her escort turned round and once more we all went through the line of ploughing ships, if there had been enthusiasm before it was nothing to what greeted us the second time. Every merchantman had had time to hoist flags and the crews lined the railings waving their hats and shouting.

We wished them "God Speed" and then resumed our original course which was to bring us to Iceland. We stayed one day in Iceland, during which the Prime Minister reviewed British and American troops and that evening we sailed again for British port.

### Practice Shoot

Earlier in the day in which we met a convoy, the Prince of Wales carried out a practice shoot with her anti-aircraft guns, watched by the Prime Minister and his party. She first fired a smoke shell, which exploded into a compact ball of smoke high in the sky and using this as a target she let loose with her guns and plastered the area round the bank of smoke with exploding shells.

This was followed by a barrage of fire, using every anti-aircraft gun available. The battleship's sides seemed to be constantly flaming, so great was the rate of fire and the air all round her was black with exploding projectiles.

It seemed unbelievable that one ship could put up so devastating a barrage.

Of the journey from Iceland to Britain there was nothing to tell. With her escort screening her, the Prince of Wales, ploughing ahead at speed, reached home safely after a most astounding trans-Atlantic voyage.

### Churchill Happy

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—Mr Churchill's party has departed from a British port by special train presumably for London.

The people cheered and shouted, "Best of luck." Mr Churchill smiled and waved his peaked hat and appeared to be very happy.

## LATEST SOVIET REPORTS

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ago and spent the day machine tooling.

### Midnight Communique

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"During August 17, 22 German planes were brought down in air combats. We lost 18 planes."

"According to precise data now available in the course of air combats on August 16, 25 German planes were brought down, not 18 as previously reported."

"In the Baltic Sea, our torpedo boats sank a German submarine and two enemy transports."

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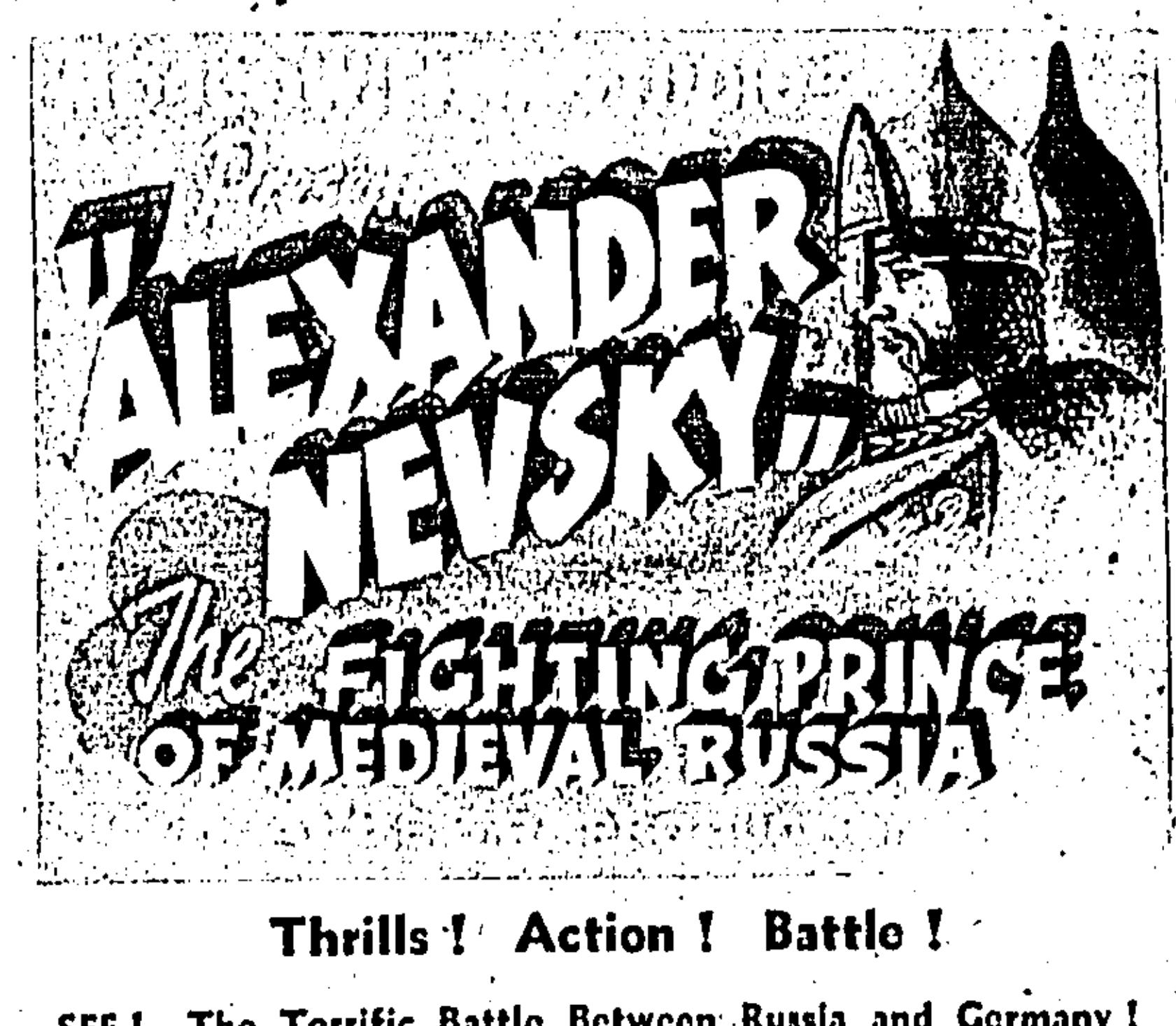
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## GIGANTIC EFFORT BY HITLER IN UKRAINE: SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—HITLER APPEARED TO-DAY TO BE CONCENTRATING HIS MAIN GIGANTIC EFFORT IN A THRUST ACROSS THE SOUTHERN UKRAINE IN PURSUIT OF MARSHAL BUDENNY'S RETIRING ARMIES, WHILE ALLOWING THE GERMANS TO HOLD THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FRONT.

British military experts wondered whether the powerful German drive through the Ukraine was undertaken as part of the original strategy for the invasion of Russia or was a suddenly altered plan to smash the wavering Dniester line and exploit confusion to the utmost.

### EXPLOITS OF SOVIET TROOPS

#### Remarkable Action Described

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—How a Red Army unit, cut off by the enemy, fought its way out and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy is told in a supplement to the latest Russian communiqué.

The unit, commanded by Zagordov, when cut off, operated for 20 days in the rear of the German lines and forced its way to territory held by the Red Army.

"Preserving their equipment, the Red Army men strove to cause the enemy the greatest possible losses. They mercilessly exterminated groups of German soldiers they met, destroyed transports, batteries, truck columns and headquarters, and killed 240 Fascist soldiers."

"The commander of the unit and the Political Commissar led out of the encirclement 520 Red Army men, including 25 wounded, without the loss of a single gun, machine-gun or rifle."

#### Nazi Tanks Bombed

The supplement also tells of rough handling of two Nazi battalions by another Russian unit commanded by Major Boshmagov. It says that Major Boshmagov's unit, supported by two artillery batteries, attacked the enemy near a village. The Germans hurled tanks and armoured cars into a counter-attack.

#### Nearing The Dam

A Russian bomber squadron commanded by Captain Commins took off to bomb the German machines. Fighting between the enemy machines and Soviet aircraft lasted an hour and a half and ended in the defeat of the Germans. Sixteen German machines were destroyed.

Panic broke out in the German ranks. In this fighting, Major Boshmagov's unit inflicted heavy losses upon the two German infantry battalions. About 500 Germans were killed and wounded and 120 were taken prisoner, while booty taken included seven tanks and 11 guns.

#### \$1,000 For Prisoners Of War Fund

A reader, who desires to remain anonymous, has sent to the "S. C. M. Post" a cheque for \$1,000 for the British Prisoners of War Fund.

These experts point out that this sector has always held advantages to the Germans which other areas of the front lacked; firstly, it forms a flank on the Soviet forces and is the easiest route for attempting to turn the main Russian armies and create chaos; secondly, this flank which is unlike the northern flanks, offers tangible prizes to a successful assault; thirdly, it is an area in which Hitler proclaimed his intention to establish a friendly state, with an independent regime; fourthly, it opens a direct route to the Middle East and the vital British interests.

These experts conceded that Hitler had already achieved a substantial victory which appeared to be developing with the capture of Nikolayev and Krivoigorsk, as well as the encirclement of Odessa which is apparently doomed.

However, they pointed out that Marshal Budenny's withdrawal, which is apparently being carried out in good order generally towards the Dnieper, has thus far prevented Hitler from winning any final decision. At the same time, they admitted that the position in the Ukraine will remain serious until Budenny is able to re-establish a front.

#### Terrific Pressure

It is believed that the terrific German pressure in the drive which during the past week has been at the rate of about twenty miles daily, is hampering the Soviet effort to reinforce the front fast enough with the poor communications available and the heavy destruction of armoured units which the Russians have undoubtedly suffered.

Mr. Steele Reveals U. S. Attitude

## NAZI INVASION FORESTALLED

Effect of Red Resistance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Keuter).—Russia has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the Nazis. That is one of the impressions Congressional leaders are reported to have gained from their conference with President Roosevelt.

Other impressions were:

(1) Russian resistance has forestalled any German attempt to invade Britain this year.

(2) The British believe that any German attempt to invade Britain will be delayed at least until spring.

(3) The chances appear even that Japan would take new steps of aggression.

President Roosevelt appeared cheerful and confident as the result of his talks with Mr Churchill.

One Congressman said that the British were convinced that in order to defeat Germany, Britain eventually must invade the Continent. It was indicated, however, that no such step was contemplated at present.

Mr. Steele Reveals U. S. Attitude

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, to-day had a very long conference with the Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, when he reiterated Mr. Hull's statement that the United States policy toward Japan is unalterable unless Japan fundamentally alters her policy.

Mr. Grew's call at the Foreign Office followed the Japanese efforts to find some basis upon which to resume trade, but Mr. Grew pointed out that the present economic situation is merely result of the Far Eastern political developments and are therefore unchangeable under current conditions.

Vernacular newspapers in the meantime predicted severe Anglo-American economic pressure against Japan, fearing the extension of the licensing system in the United States and the new Indian embargoes

against Japan.

Seven separate investigations are now underway, all hunting for evidence of sabotage, but first reports indicate that a dock employee was smoking a pipe which ignited inflammable material.

Steele's "Okay" To His Wife

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

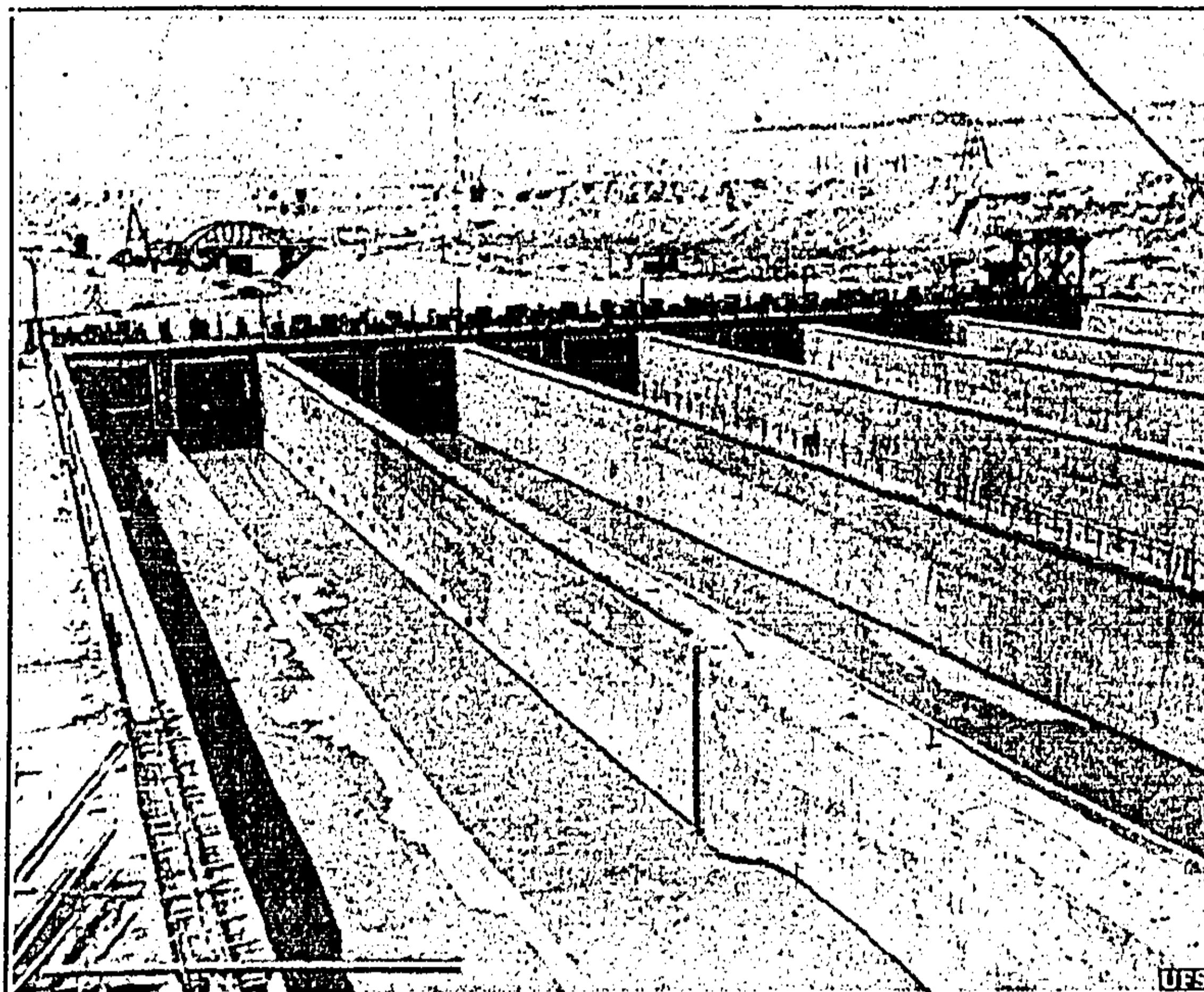
SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (UP).—Mr. A. T. Steele, correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" who had not been heard of for five days following flight from the Russo-Chinese frontier to Moscow, on the eve of his departure for England, after having spent four years as First Naval Member of the Commonwealth Naval Board.

He said that the progress of the Australian Navy had been smooth and harmonious; it was now three times its pre-war size.

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### THREATENED BY GERMANS

The Dnieperstroy Dam is now threatened by the Nazis in their latest southern Ukraine drive. The huge Dam, is built close to the Dnieper River near Dnepropetrovsk, and is about 200 miles northeast of Nikolaev, important Ukraine seaport which has fallen to the advancing German forces.



## Five Killed In Mysterious N. Y. Harbour Fires; Ship Burnt Out

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (UP).—It is now known that five men lost their lives to-day in the fire on the freighter Panuco aboard which mysterious explosions took place while the ship was moored in the Erie Basin, New York Harbour. It is feared that others are trapped in the holds.

The Panuco is believed to have been loading British cargoes. Four alarms were sounded after the explosions had occurred and firemen rushed to the scene. The smoke was visible for miles.

Fire threatened the lives of a number of longshoremen working in the holds of the Panuco. Those who escaped by diving overboard said that six gangs of 20 men each were working on the vessel when the fire broke out.

Inflammable Cargo

The Panuco arrived in New York yesterday with a cargo including highly inflammable hemp from Mexico.

Several adjacent barges were set on fire. The flames at one time were 250 feet above the pier shed and were accompanied by muffled explosions.

Sixty longshoremen were injured while escaping from the vessel, and ten are in a critical condition.

The 525-foot long Brooklyn pier has been destroyed and the Panuco TURN to Back Page, Column 4

## U. S. Planes For The Middle East

Expediting Delivery

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—President Roosevelt today announced an agreement to expedite the delivery of fighting planes direct to the British Middle Eastern forces under which the Pan-American Airways will ferry the aircraft to West Africa and thence into the Middle Eastern war zone.

The President said that the ferrying route will be available to general commercial use providing a direct air service from New York and Baldemore to Africa.

"Planes owned by the United States Government will be used by Pan-American Airways operated by American personnel. The delivery route will be so arranged that it will nowhere pass through any zone of actual warfare."

## H.K. Boy Killed In Action

News has been received in the Colony that Pilot Officer Leslie Richard Evans, R.A.F., former pupil of the Central British School (1922 to 1926) crashed whilst landing in England after returning from a bombing flight and was killed with three others.

This is the third former pupil of the Central British School who has given his life in the present war; in fact, one is missing and another is a prisoner of war.

## Berlin Report Of Attempted Invasion By British Troops

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—A Propaganda Company report published in the German press revealed that a British patrol in two large motor storm-boats, attempted to carry out a landing of the occupied Channel coast on the Straits of Dover on a dark and extremely stormy night, the date of which was not given.

German sentries saw the shadows about 60 yards from the beach and immediately opened fire.

It was impossible in the darkness to confirm whether the storm-boats were hit. The British halted and returned the fire with a trench mortar causing some German casualties; however, the German

## Powerful Opposition To Marshal Petain

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Aug. 18 (UP).—It is disclosed that a number of Senators and Deputies who were too outspoken in their criticism of Marshal Petain have been placed under administrative arrest in a crack down against Communist and other dissident elements.

Angered because they have been removed from the payroll and deprived of other privileges as well as practically all power, more than 750 members of Parliament have formed a powerful opposition to Petain's Government.

The Parliamentarians, coupled with

## Fleet Second To None

Royal Australian Navy

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—There is not a ship in the Royal Australian Navy that has not fired her guns in action. It has had its chance and you have seen the results—the Australian Navy is second to none," said Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin at a farewell on the eve of his departure for England, after having spent four years as First Naval Member of the Commonwealth Naval Board.

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## Exchange Control In China Committee Formed

**CHUNGKING**, Aug. 18 (Central News)—Dr T. F. Tsien, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, announced at the press conference yesterday that an Exchange Control Committee was formally inaugurated on August 13 in accordance with the currency agreements between China and the United States and Britain calling for an operative agency to conduct the operations of the stabilization fund.

The Committee has 15 members. They are Dr H. H. Kung (Chairman), Mr K. P. Chen, Mr O. K. Yul, Mr Jian Chen, Mr Tsuyee Pei, Mr Hsi Teh-mou, General Wei Te-chen, Dr Wang Shih-chih, General Hsu Kan, Dr Chang Po-ling, General Hsu Yao-tsu, Dr T. F. Tsien, Mr Y. C. Koo, Mr Lee Tao-nan and Mr K. K. Kwok. Mr Lee Tao-nan is Secretary-General of the Committee.

Mr K. P. Chen, Mr O. K. Yul, Mr Jian Chen, Mr Tsuyee Pei and Mr Hsi Teh-mou form the standing committee.

The standing committee will meet weekly while the whole Committee will meet monthly.

Dr Tsien said that the operations of the Currency Stabilization Board and the Exchange Control Committee will be guided by the agreements and exchange of letters between the three countries.

### Supervision Here

"Reuter" learns that the first meeting of the Chinese Currency Stabilization Board, comprising three Chinese, one Briton and one American was held in Chungking on August 18.

At this time important decisions were reached, among which was the dispatch of members of the Board to Shanghai and Hongkong to supervise and report on the Executive Board's decision.

It is understood that the British member, Mr E. L. Hall-Patch, is going to Shanghai.

### Churchill's Return

**LONDON**, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Mr Winston Churchill will arrive in London on Tuesday morning.

The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt. The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.

## Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

### Special to the "Telegraph"

**LLANDUDNO**, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, commenting upon Mr Churchill's declaration to-day, said that no peace could be built until Prussianism is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless we define our objectives.

Mr Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role which nobody until now had ever conceived in the use with international control.

## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

**LONDON**, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

The blowing-up of the Nikolayev wharves indicated that Stalin's policy of destruction is being carried out on a large scale among the industrial as well as agricultural resources and plants.

It is stated that the Black Sea Fleet is continuing active operations and yesterday sank two large Rumanian transports, presumably intended to land troops at Odessa and Nikolaev. The Red Army pockets aided by guerrillas continued to batter the German rear.

Dispatches from the front reported that the Red division which was split by the Germans a fortnight ago attacked at both ends and broke through the German encirclement and have rejoined the main forces after inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

**Intensified War Effort**  
Meanwhile, the Soviet rear is intensifying its war effort with an increasing output of armaments and provisions. Yesterday, several thousand youths contributed their rest day to work on defenses. Over one million people in the Moscow district gathered scrap metal, loaded trains and repaired rolling stock on the railways.

Mr Ivan Papain, the noted Arctic explorer, has resumed his locksmith trade which he abandoned 20 years ago and spent the day machine tooling.

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## Snatching Harvest Of Ukraine

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON**, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the Department of Agriculture to-day stated that Soviet planes are raiding with the Nazi hilt in trying to harvest the Ukraine wheat but the outcome is not yet clear.

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## NO COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

### WASHINGTON

Aug. 18 (Reuter)—When asked if Mr Roosevelt had approved the recommendation of the Navy and Army chiefs for compulsory censorship of all communications in and out of America, the President's secretary Mr Stephen Early, declared that Mr Roosevelt was unaware of the existence of any such bill.

Mr Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report except that it was the Willermarsse or someone in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.

### Churchill's Return

**LONDON**, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—Mr Winston Churchill will arrive in London on Tuesday morning.

The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt. The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.

## Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

### Special to the "Telegraph"

**LLANDUDNO**, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, commenting upon Mr Churchill's declaration to-day, said that no peace could be built until Prussianism is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless we define our objectives.

Mr Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role which nobody until now had ever conceived in the use with international control.

## LATEST SOVIET REPORTS

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**MOSCOW**, Aug. 18 (UP)—The battle on the entire Eastern Front continues unabated, according to the latest reports issued here, with the weight of the German thrust against southwestern Ukraine towards the Dnieper River.

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## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

**LONDON**, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

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## Japan Tries To Assume Role Of Injured Party

### Special to the "Telegraph"

**TOKYO**, August 19 (Domei)—Virtually all Metropolitan papers editorially commenting on the increasing collaboration among Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, urge the Government to be particularly watchful of the Anglo-American attempt to make Vladivostok another Singapore for the purpose of completing encircling of Japan.

Vladivostok is going to be another base for the ABCD countries to complete the encirclement of Japan as the result of the Roosevelt-Churchill talks, the "Kokumin Shimbum" says.

"We do not yet know to what extent Russia will co-operate with Britain and the United States in practical moves but the Japanese Government and people must watch the rapprochement of the three countries and prepare for the worst."

United States war materials reaching Vladivostok can be utilized against Japan. Dispatch of American war materials to the Siberian port through Japan's back door cannot leave the Japanese national sentiment unshaken.

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## R.A.F. Sweep Channel

### Bremen's 81st Raid

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**FOLKESTONE**, Aug. 18 (UP)—Bomber planes escorted by a considerable force of fighters flying at about 16,000 feet dived across the Straits towards the North Sea this afternoon indicating another R.A.F. sweep of the Continent.

**Arms To Vladivostok**  
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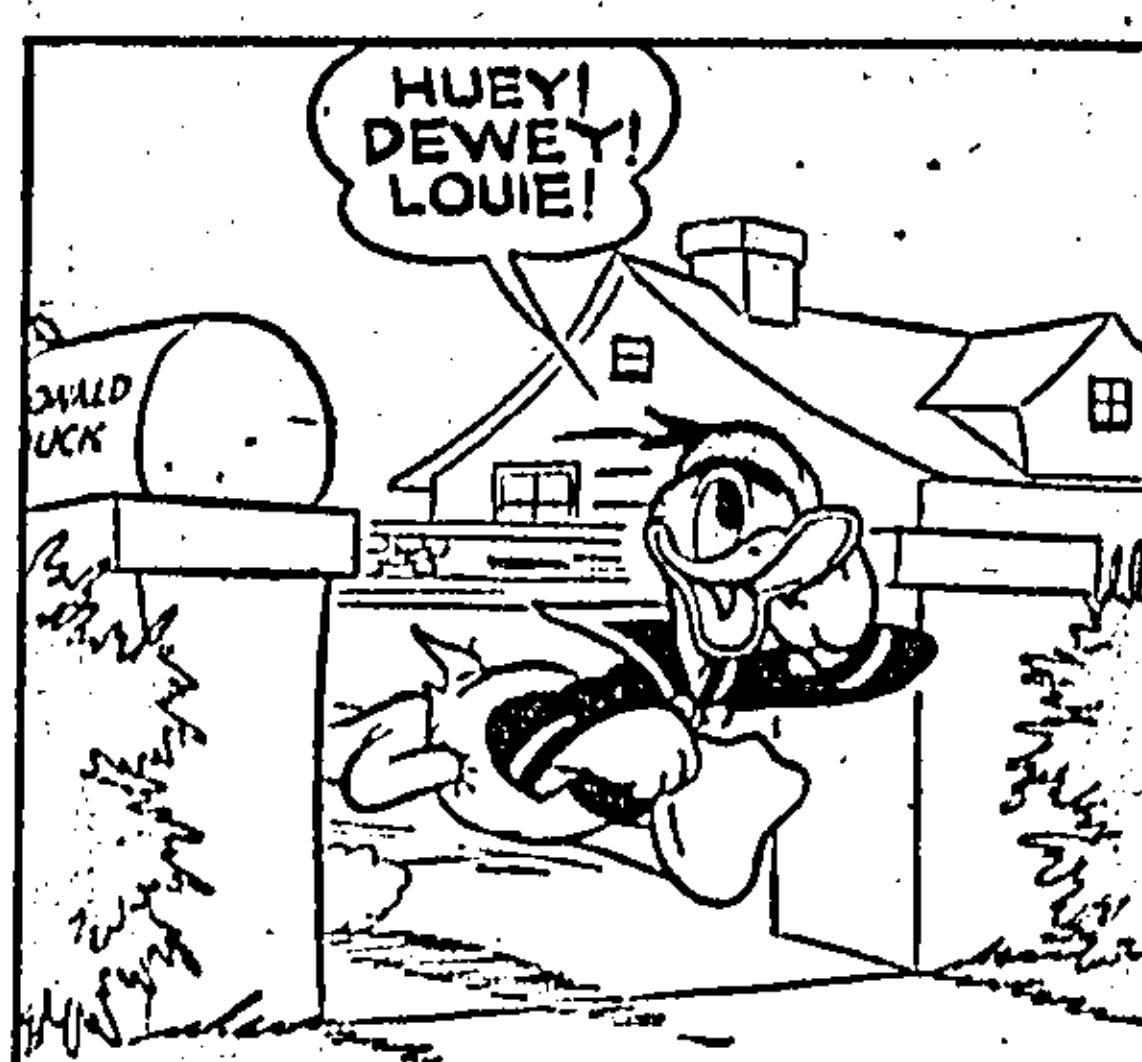
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## FELLOWS OF THE BELLOW

### JULY SCORE

**LILLE ATTACHED**  
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Don't Always Return Partner's Lead!

The question of returning partner's opening lead is a very difficult one and no general rule can be a satisfactory guide. The literal truth is that "sometimes you should and sometimes you shouldn't." Admittedly, this doesn't do the average player much good, but at least it warns him that he should not rely too much on the old and thoroughly outmoded "Inv'y" that partner's lead should always be returned. The fact is that it depends on circumstances. Note to-day's deal, in which a defender not only made a quick shift of suits, but selected the one card within the suit that could defeat the contract.

South, dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
The bidding:

♠ KJ10  
♥ KR4  
♦ J10932  
♣ Q7

♠ Q972  
♥ Q52  
♦ Q64  
♣ Q58

♠ A43  
♥ W E  
♦ Q75  
♣ AJ100

♠ Q65  
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♦ AAQ3  
♣ K842

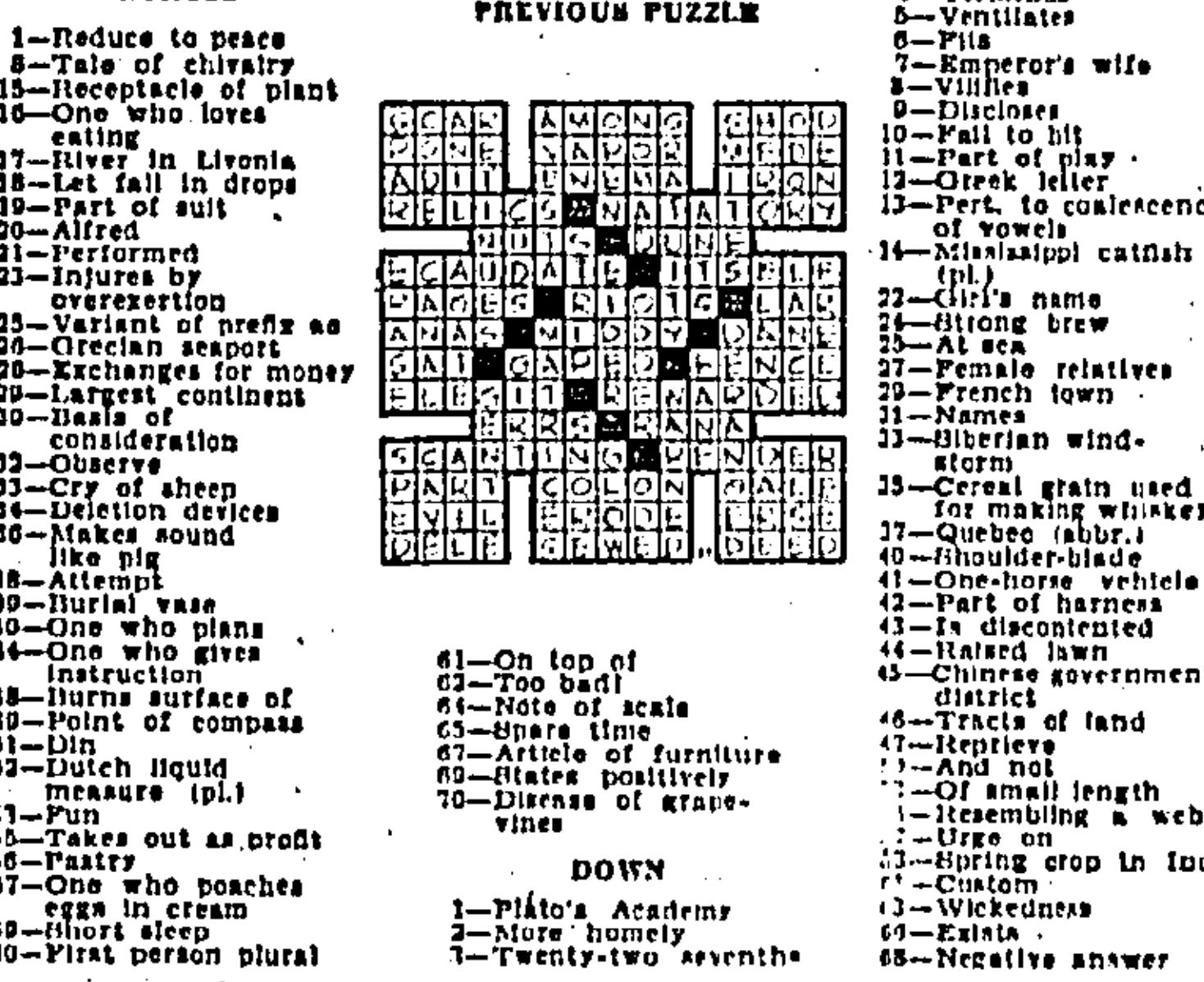
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass

West opened the nine of spades, dummy played the ten, and East, seeing no reason to hold up the ace, won the trick. Rather than return the opening lead automatically and woodenly, East considered his problem from different angles. First, there was the chance that the nine of spades had been a short suit opening, in which case a return would be downright silly. Second, even if West had a four or five card spade suit, from the cards in sight in dummy and East's own hand, it was obvious that West could not have

How should this hand be played at a four heart contract with South the declarer?

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



Tuesday,

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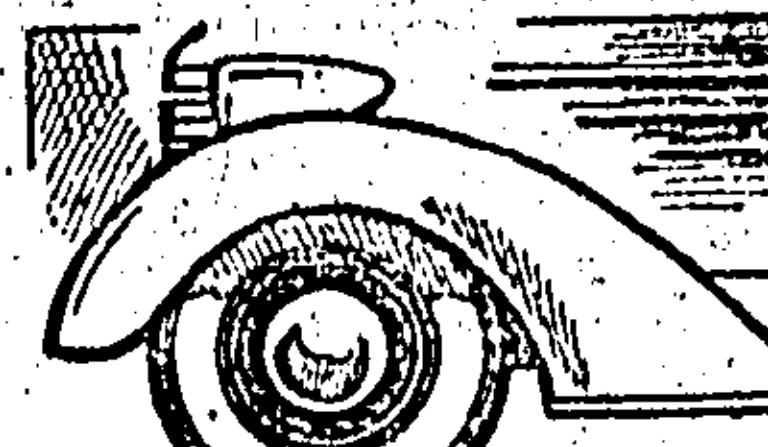
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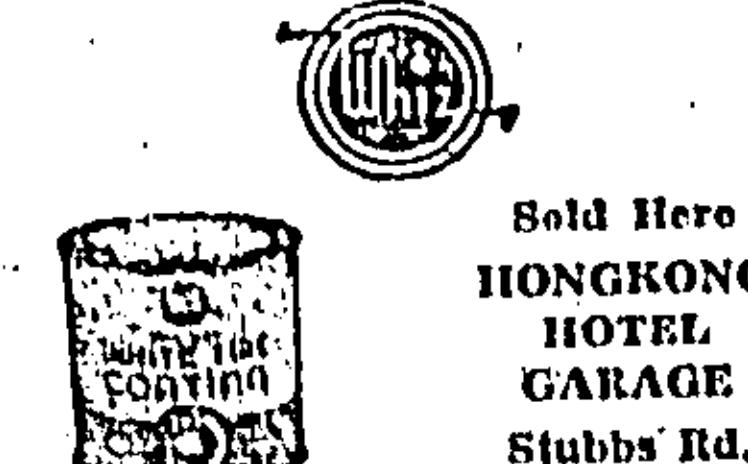
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**THIRD BLITZ**

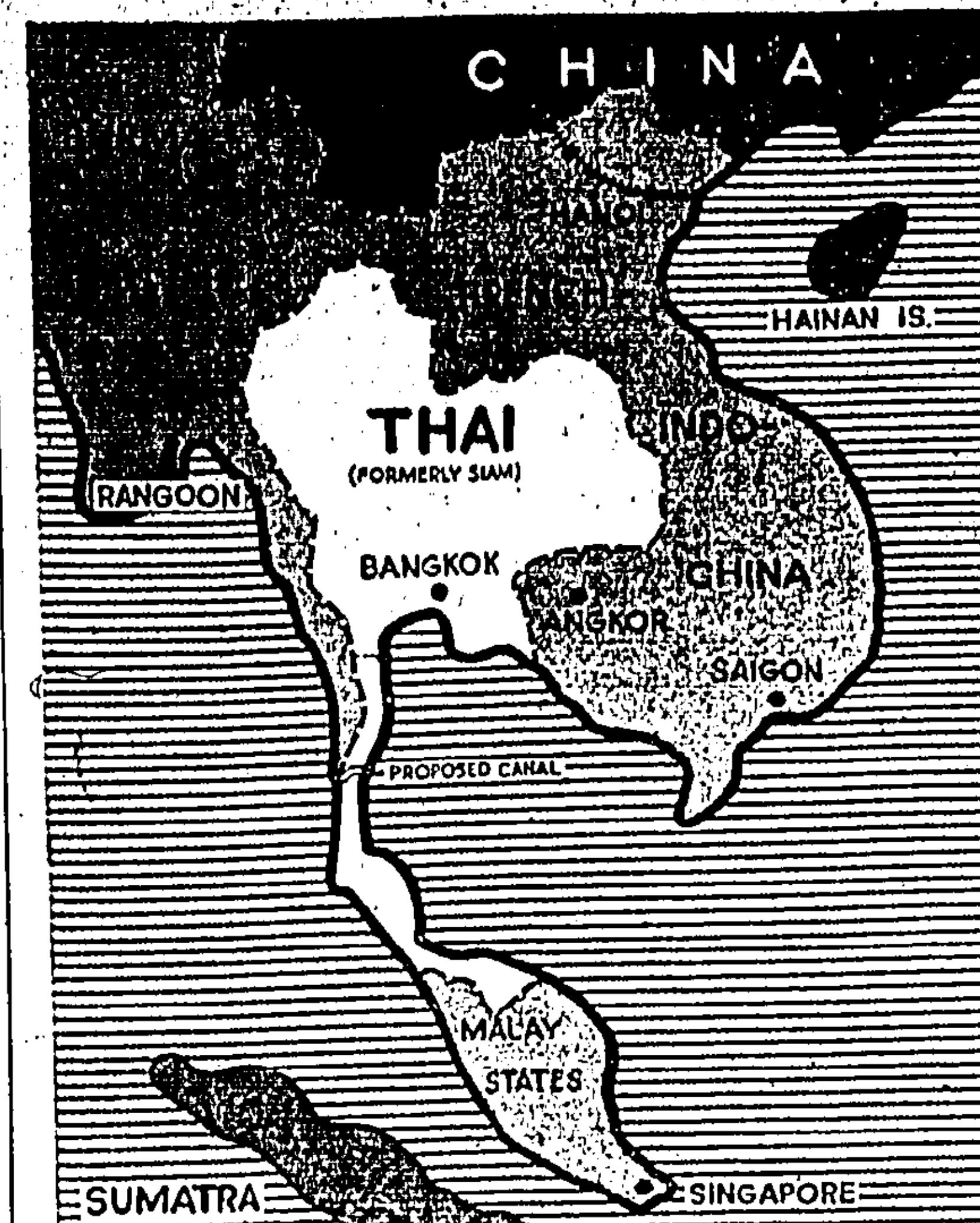
There is no doubt that the Germans are making a desperate and terrific attempt to crush Russia before Winter. Already they have encountered a quality in the Russian opposition which has exacted a terrible toll of manpower, tanks, planes and all the other impedimenta of modern warfare—a stern and disquieting reality which must indeed cause Hitler furiously to think. Even should this third blitzkrieg against Russia achieve success, it will not mean final victory.

It is true that the Russians have been dealt almost staggering blows, but the intelligence and determination in their mode of defence augur well for a continuance of their resistance. They too can count upon a tremendous reserve of manpower, while it appears reasonable to assume their equipment is up-to-date, efficient and plentiful.

The close association which has now been formed between Great Britain, The United States and Russia is another factor which must be greatly disturbing to Hitler. Time was when there was reason to believe that Russia would remain aloof from the present war at all costs, assuming a role which almost mystified the democracies. Later, the failure of the British Military Mission in Russia, and the almost simultaneous success of the German Mission, left us bewildered and not a little concerned.

Subsequent events upset all reckoning, the greatest and most sensational being the sudden manner in which Hitler attempted to double-cross Stalin, by invading Russian territory. After nine weeks of the greatest mass warfare in history, the world's arch-aggressor finds himself in as unpleasant a quandary as one can imagine.

It is a cause for the utmost gratification on the part of Germany's foes to know that Hitler, genius as he thinks he is, has made a colossal blunder in antagonising Russia. There is not only a limit to Germany's ability to over-ride and ruthlessly smash other nations, but a limit to the endurance of her people and to her material resources. So far, the Russian

**Facts concerning the country of the moment in the Far East scene**

of her new constitution, the British and French territories on her border Thailand, who had been wary of accepting offers from western powers, apparently had different views on the question of accommodation from Tokyo, as the recent loan of ten million bahts from Japan would show. This is a position hard to reconcile with Thailand's aspirations, but nevertheless there it is, and that again is just the position which Japan would like her to adopt, as political influence must necessarily follow in the wake of financial aid.

In support of this explanation is the recent inclination of Thailand to withdraw certain concessions which had been granted to foreign countries, (excepting Japan) thus closing the door to foreign exploitation in her territories and reserving the whole area within her boundaries to Thai industry and enterprise. Glaring cases in point are the restrictions imposed on the British and American oil and tobacco companies in Bangkok, which virtually strangled their trade and made room for Thai products of both oil and tobacco in the Thailand markets. The oil is brought crude from Manchukuo and refined in Thailand, by Thai experts trained in America and Japan.

There has been conscription in Thailand for many years. Every man of 21 years is required to spend two years in the army, except those who have passed the high school examination, who do only one year's military service. Army pay is small and the discipline strict, soldiers being very fresh in the mind to need re-training.

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I — for Independence—To which we all must cling;  
C — stands for Confidence—in the leaders of our land;  
T — for Tenacity!—The "British Bulldog" bound!  
O — for Old England—The land that gave the breed;  
R — for our Royal Family—So loyal in word and deed;—and  
Y — stands for You—who can ward off all we fear,  
By singing "V for VICTORY"—and Save All Life Holds Dear.

V — for VANQUISH!—Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
I — for Inspiration—In this grim tug-of-war;  
C — stands for "China Up!"—When sent to face the call;  
T — for Teamwork!—Divided, we stand tall;  
O — for those Overseas!—Our heroes of renown,  
R — for Recruiting!—We must not let them down!—But  
Y — stands for You—who can stem the tide of war!—  
By singing "V for VICTORY," you will Keep Strike from Our Shore.

V — for the VALIANT—who fell for Freedom's Sake.  
I — for our High Ideals!—Great sacrifices we make!—  
C — for the Cross of Faith!—For those bowed down with care;  
T — for our Thankfulness!—For the strength to bear;  
O — for Our Honour!—Without—Nothing can succeed;  
R — for our Religion—in this dark hour of need!—But  
Y — stands for You!—You can do your bit this way, for  
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V — for our VETERANS!—Who bore the flag before;  
I — for Inheritance!—of their fearlessness in war;  
C — for Comradeship!—and the high morale it gives;  
T — for The Unknown Warrior!—His spirit lives here;  
O — for the Ones at Home!—Who hold the home front here;  
R — for the Red Cross!—Whose noble deeds we cheer!—But  
Y — stands for You!—And for You, and You, and You, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY"!—You do Your Duty Too!

V — for VANGUARD!—Let our trumpets blast and blare!  
I — for Irresistible!—Loud cheering strikes the air!  
C — for Comatriots!—Fighting side by side;  
T — for "Thumbs Up," boys!—Their bravery is our pride;  
O — for all the Others!—the munition workers, too;  
R — for our Royal Banner—the true Red, White, and Blue!—But  
Y — stands for You!—So come and "Pull Your Weight!"—  
By singing "V for VICTORY"!—Before it is Too Late!

V — for VICTORIOUS!—We never shall be slaves!  
I — for Invincible!—Britain Rules the Waves!"  
C — for Courageous!—Our army death defies!  
T — for Triumphant!—Our RAF shall rule the skies!  
O — for Onward!—With our "Will to Win" campaign!  
R — for Real Rejoicing!—When our boys come home again!—But  
Y — stands for You!—So let Your Voice Ring Clear!—  
Sing "VICTORY!" Sing "VICTORY!" — and Save All Life Holds Dear!

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**President Receives Congress Key Men**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lend-Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lend-Lend appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned only casually.

**Connally's Comment**

The President gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lend-Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000 but declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000 has not yet been expended."

**U. S. GOODS IN CHINA****Data At Consulates**

TIENTSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as furs, bristles, etc., to the American Consulates.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit, some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

**U. S. Increases Her Imports****SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,504,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

**C-in-C Australia In Singapore**

**Short Shrift For Johore Japanese**

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Japanese living in the large defence area in the southeast corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days.

It is believed that more than 50 persons are concerned, most of whom being rubber estate proprietors and mine-owners.

**Latest Nazi Claims****Continued Drive Into Ukraine****Reach Dnieper River****SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate.

Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolayev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Krem洛vok area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe along the entire eastern front yesterday destroyed a total of 90 Soviet planes.

**Trying To Escape**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Radio Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encamped at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilation by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops and about to leave when hit by bombs and set afire.

**New Area of Operations**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—Competent German quarters to-day claimed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war materials in that area. It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

**Dnieper Reached**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claim states that the Infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Krivtovog had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dniepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

**Nazis Gain Confidence**

The spokesman added: "The Soviets are tough in their resistance but one day they will no longer be able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly infinite supplies of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

The official German news agency also reports that the "remnants" of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolayev area yesterday. The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made a last stand along a railway embankment, which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

**Hungarian Claim**

The report makes no mention of any Russian prisoners being taken but a Hungarian claim issued in the communiqué to-night refers to several thousand prisoners and considerable booty from the battle ground of Nikolayev.

The communiqué says: "Since the fighting on August 8, our troops advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the battle round Nikolayev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

**WAR WORK FOR WOMEN****LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)**

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and choice of occupation will be more restricted, said Mr Ralph Ashton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Minister, answering in London to-day a former policy regarding women in war work.

All women up to 30 would be registered within the next four months and older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services she would be told that she must go into one of the limited number of occupations which included nursing and domestic work in hospitals, work on aircraft and tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, the land, army, service, canteens, and ordnance factories.

**MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON Much Material Landed**

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—After a 24-hour delay due to a typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops, reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon this morning.

Material is at the moment taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders, presumably destined for construction of barracks in Cambodia where the accommodation is reported to be insufficient, was landed.

There has been no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must presumably pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

**Boundary Commission**

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations to-day in Saigon but the meetings were postponed.

It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.

**Minor Problems**

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding the Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

He stated to-day that he will shortly discuss these problems which include the allotment of defensive "zones" between the Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General.

**Chinese Flee To Burma****SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

KOBE, August 18 (Domei).—Thinking that the Japanese move into French Indo-China is threatening their security, large numbers of Chinese residents in Thailand are pouring into Burma and 600 have already arrived in Rangoon alone according to a Japanese traveller who arrived here this afternoon from Burma aboard a Japanese ship.

There are at present about 100 Japanese residents living in Rangoon.

**NAZI MOVE FROM ESTONIA****Summary Of Fronts****MILITARY COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The latest reports indicate that a new German thrust is developing north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad. It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly resisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev, too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer—movement—have been stationary at Korosten in the northeast and Byelov-Tserkov in the southwest.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to the southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some points in the bend of the Dnieper River.

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their success here and try to force the Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance would be a venturemost proposition. It is more likely that Hitler will fling his sorely tired troops against the central sectors in the hope that these sectors will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Budenny. But such speculation is pure guesswork.

**Nazis Gain Confidence**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—According to a Stockholm message to the Italian news agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined the forces to the north.

The Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-miles wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.

**STOCK EXCHANGE Investment Demand**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrial stocks arising out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian securities.

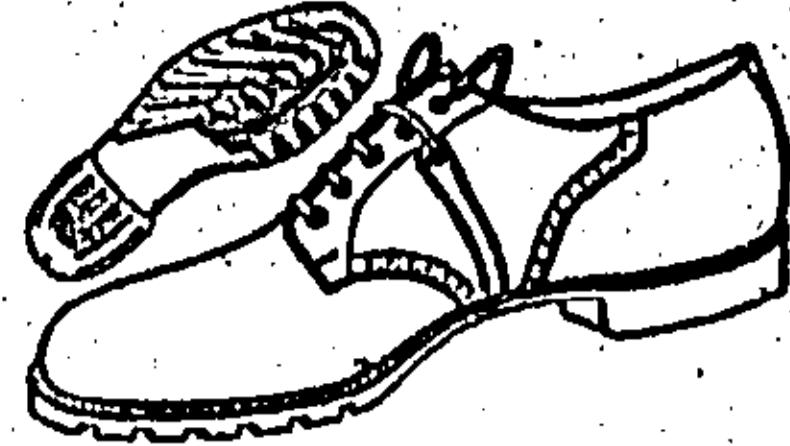
Among the industrials, Courtaulds, Woolworth and brewer recorded useful gains while shipping shares were further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for gains among speculative Kafir favourites.

South American rails continued to be firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.

**French Consul's Conscience****SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuter).**

The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.

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**"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes****U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong****Heats For Inter-School Events At V.R.C.**

FIRST HEATS for the Inter-School swimming meet to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday were held at the V.R.C. yesterday. Remaining heats will take place this evening at 7.07 p.m. Yesterday results were:

Senior boys 100 yards.—Heat 1-1, J. Gomez (La Salle) and Wm. Tso, 18; Stepney (St. Joseph's), Timo, Hoo, 21; Donald Young (St. Joseph's), 2; Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3, G. Russell (Dioceesan). Time 60 4/5.

Senior boys 100 yards back stroke, Heat 1—1, Koon-tan Chiu-sueung (La Salle); 2, Lee Cheuk-him (Non-W.A.); Time 65 Heat 2-1, Chin Koon-tan (St. Joseph's); 2, Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle); 3, G. Wong (La Salle); 4, Hoo, 26.

Senior boys 100 yards back stroke, Heat 1-1, A. V. Lopez (La Salle); 2, Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3, Ip Ting-ki, 22; 4, St. Joseph's, 24 1/2; Heat 2-1, J. Gomez (La Salle); 2, Hoone Shun-loy (St. Stephen's); Time 67 2/5.

Junior boys diving.—1, Ng Shiu-hoo (St. Stephen's); 2, J. Anderson (St. Joseph's).

Junior boys 50 yards, Heat 1-1, K. Thomas (St. Stephen's); 2, W. Wilson (La Salle); 3, A. Marques (La Salle); Time 23 2/5. Heat 2-1, Wong Peng-kuo (St. Stephen's); 2, Chen Yen-fwee (St. Stephen's); Time 37 4/5.



SLIDING HOME. Tony Muscavage, U. S. Navy catcher, waiting for the ball at the plate, while George Sousa, Hongkong All Stars, commences a slide through his legs to reach the slab.

At third base in the Chung Hwa R. Engineers game, Forrest Loon, Chung Hwa, took a dive for third and made it by a matter of inches before Blondie Taylor, Sappers, came in to tag him. — Ming Yuen.

**Weak Infield Fails Moundsman Powlawski****Mindanao Tars Batter South China 15-7**

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgins' Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

RISING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each break in stride, slashed through with three big tallies in the last of the initial frame after Uncle Sam's seamens had gone one up, on Crooner Ruell's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Stars tally on a wild heave. Showboat Ali, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this canto on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with a Navy tally in the 2nd stanza, but the Colonials added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild throw by the bewildered R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano winging toward the pan.

The big break came in the 5th inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th.

George Sousa again doubled, to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, relayed from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starry Sousa scampering across the plate.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the ball mob with a combined "Nick Altrock-At Shuch" act, all in one, when right fielder Red the Rover, Soanes made a big go in his first try at the intricacies of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a few fast tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as bean-labeled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

Hurler Gerry Gosano weakened temporarily in the 4th stanza, TURN to Page 7, Column Five

**Answer To Problem**

The scorer was wrong. The batsman was entitled to a sacrifice hit in any case, if he advanced the runner, because he sacrificed his chance to make a base hit to do so. In such cases it is proper to score a sacrifice hit and an error on the same play, if, in the scorer's judgment, the ball beat the runner to the second base, the second baseman should be charged with an error, but that does not eliminate the sacrifice hit.

**Lawn Bowls****Open Pairs Results**

TWO MATCHES in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship were played yesterday, the first at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club resulting in an overwhelming win by 34-18 for W. B. Harris and A. Soutar over A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, and the second at the Cragengowen being a very narrow 10-17 victory for N. J. Bebbington and J. McGowan over W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen.

**League Seeks Compromise With London Soccer Clubs**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks it will mean a busy week for the officials, as following to-day's meeting they agreed that the Football League President, Mr W. C. Cuff, and Mr W. J. Cearns meet the London Clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start in eight days.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed a League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole sixteen therupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the new moves.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the friendly discussions on the difficulties took place.

**Alternative Proposal**

THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating he intended that the addition of other Clubs might be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half, teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first ten qualifying matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be reinstated.

The adoption of these proposals

**Weekend Stars**

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and fanning one free pass; latter led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the pan with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chin, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouted a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with another starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for a double and a single.

Mack McRae and Greasy

Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrible M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the pan with four runs; latter climaxed a heavy-hitting weekend with a perfect day at bat slammimg out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove in two more.

Gerry Gosano and Zinho Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played peppery ball at the keystone sack and smashed out a pair of highlight doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crooner Ruell, hard-hitting all-round infielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, red admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul foul.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting "Slider" to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes, but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORUGAL'S defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nation confabs formerly held in Geneva.

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"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."

"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a cockatoo. In spite of a rather late session my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go in off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

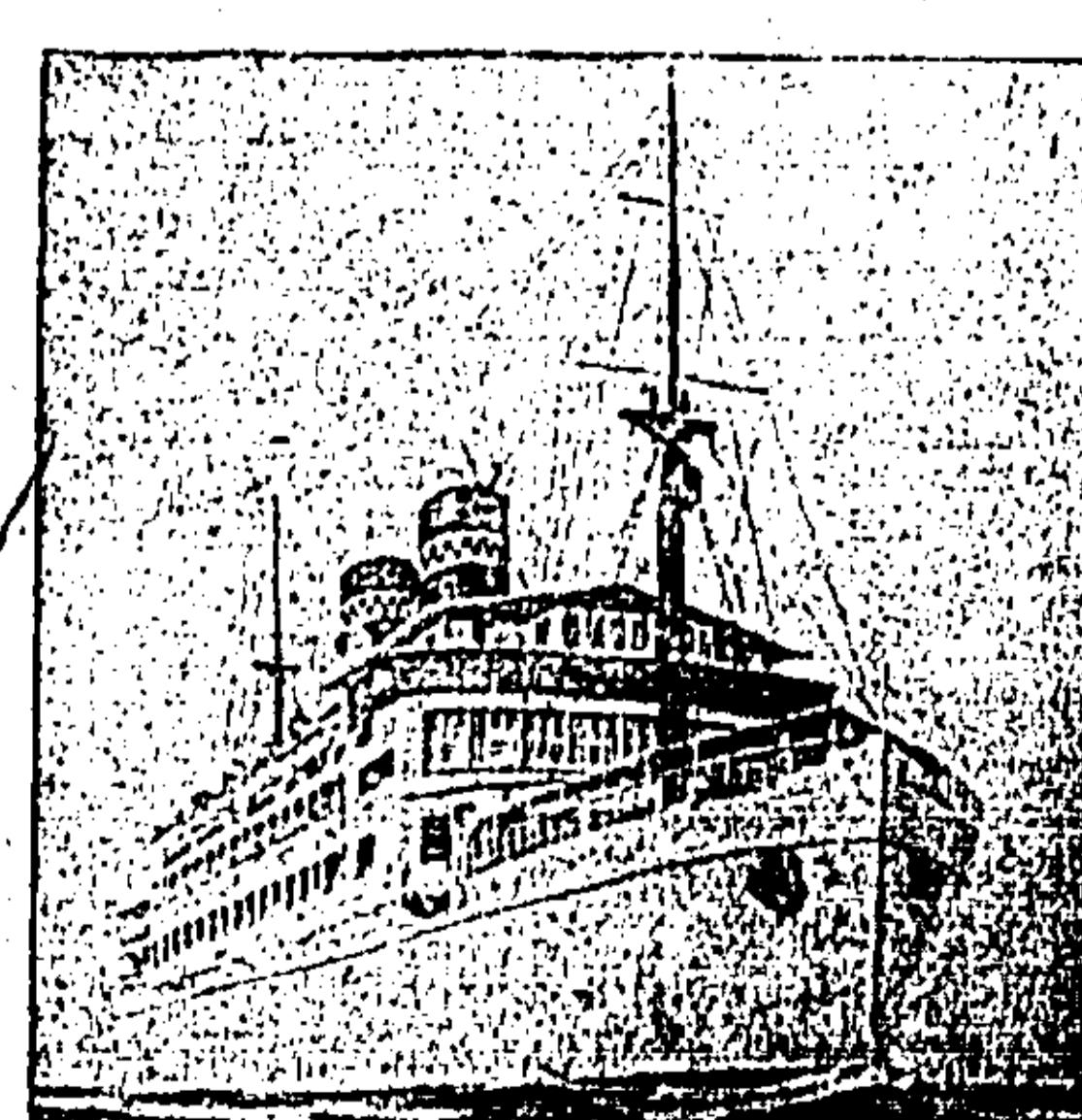
"A remarkably fine shot, Sir. Have you been taking lessons?"

"No, Hawkins—I've been taking Rose's Lime Juice—suitably diluted with gin. Henceforth I give all hangovers a lifelong miss in baubles."

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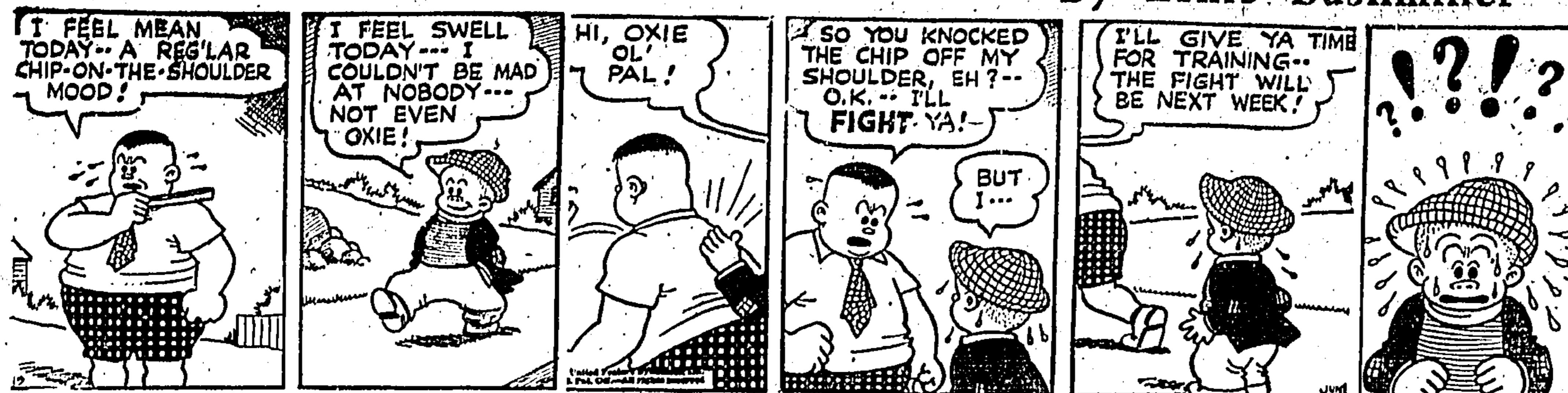
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**NANCY**

By Ernie Bushmiller

**N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement recently from an official source, the Batavia Radio denies a "Domei" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the Democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, consider the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

**Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force**

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Twenty-three Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr K. McEwen today.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

**W. C. Choy Wins U. S. Doubles Game**

CHESTNUT HILLS, Aug. 18 (UP).—In the U.S. National men's Doubles tennis championship to-day, W.-C. Choy, Chinese Davis Cup player, partnering Gilbert Hall, New York, won their first round match against Platt Spencer and Norman Drake, both of Brookline, Mass., by 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

**WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE****Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames**

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

**Incendiaries**

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by a fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey."

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse yesterday and destroyed one Can Z-500 and severely damaged a number of others."

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolchfont and Debarecht and obtained hits on the forts' buildings and trenches."

"All aircraft returned safely from these operations."

**Exchange At A Glance****SELLING**

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T.T. Singapore	.52%
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U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2	—
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

**Latest Goering Reports****Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid****SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prison camps, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

"It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed."

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different people in the different places which they traversed.

**Baron Hiranuma****SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

TOKYO, Aug. 19 (Domestic).—Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, Minister of State, is continuing to make "extremely satisfactory progress" toward recovery.

**American "Hostages" In Japan Evoke Protest****Special to the "Telegraph"**

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office to-day protested against the insinuation made by the United States Department of State last Saturday that one hundred Americans who are at present unable to leave Japan are being held as "hostages."

**No Explanation**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—At the midday press conference to-day, Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that Japan has thus far given no satisfactory explanation of her refusal to allow American citizens to leave the country.

**Grew Sees Toyoda**

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Counsellor of the United States Embassy, Mr Eugene Dooman, held a lengthy conference with the Japanese Vice Foreign Minister, Mr Eiji Amari, prior to the conference between Ambassador Joseph Grew and Foreign Minister Admiral Toyoda and he returned to the Foreign Office while Mr Grew was apparently still conferring with Admiral Toyoda two hours after the conference started at 4 p.m.

**The significance or the subject of the talk has not been disclosed but obviously they were questions of the utmost importance.**

It is reliably stated that Mr Hull's evacuation statement is being seriously studied by the Japanese Foreign Office.

**Position "Misrepresented"**

The Japanese Foreign Office protest said that the State Department's announcement regarding the steamer President Coolidge misrepresented the Japanese position inasmuch as it indicated that the Americans in Japan are being held as hostages whereas Japan had based her action

mainly on the fact that Japan did not desire any sensational evacuation procedure which might arouse the American public, and secondly, that the United States was not willing to guarantee Japanese ships with economically profitable voyages to the United States.

It is understood that the Foreign Office will soon issue a statement explaining the Japanese viewpoint in the Coolidge affair.

**"Cause Celebre"**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Mr Hull's stand—indicated—that Japan's action regarding the stranded Americans is rapidly developing into a "cause celebre" threatening to break down the already ill-fated diplomatic relations.

Mr Hull did not elaborate upon the nature of Japan's explanation which he described as unsatisfactory.

**U.S. Navy One Down to H.K.**

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allowing seven Maple Leaf runs to cross the plate on five hits and three bungles. Tomashovsky's prodigious Homer driving in Waller featured the brilliant Canadian rally in this inning.

Portugal's fourteen men team all got into the fray and from this angle the champions will be a strong threat for the title once again this year.

The keystone duo of Zimbo Gosano and George Souza showed peppery form in their first pairing together and appear to be the foundation of Portugal's defense in this year's International.

GRANDPA Leung's Chinese Maroons trimmed the Royal Engineers 8-4, for their second straight victory over the Sappers in the loop schedule.

Clicking off with a single run in the 1st when Choy Ping-fun sailed home on Bill Chang's bingle to centre, the Chung Hwamen added three more in the 3rd canto after Al Lau was thrown out at first on a bunt.

P. F. Choy sizzled a liner over short, stole second and crashed home on two wild throws. Rookie K. S. Kwok walked, plifered second and crossed the plate when Bill Chang drove a stinging triple to deep left; the hustling Chinese backstop tore in with the third run on an error at the plate. Hank Chan fanned and Baby Chin was caught stealing second for the last out in this big Maroon inning.

The Leungmen added two more runs in the next frame and cruised in with single markers in the 5th and 7th, to finish off another winning bull game.

Welford's Sappers flushed out with a last effort spurt in the last two stanzas, mushing through with two runs in the 6th when Chinese twirler Al Lau weakened in the torrid atmosphere to walk four batters. With the Maroon tosser in the well-known hole, two Sapper tallies sailed across the pan.

In the last frame the Engineers again put hurler Al Lau in a tough spot. Tom Fox scored on Mac Shaw's single. Then, with two out, the Sappers filled the bases, but in the tense setting, Mickey Sarsted rolled a slow boulder to the pitcher, ending the losers last-embered threat.

SHOWING power galore with the hickory slugger, Mindanao's pennant-holders pounded South China hurler Paul Lau for sixteen solid safeties to take the old ball game 15-7.

Mac McKenzie, taking over the initial base in the absence of the injured Henry Ruel, gave a finished display in taking anything and everything that came his way and also came into his own at the plate to lead the champions in their determined swinging attack. The lanky McKenzie appears a certainty for the first base spot next season.

A snappy unassisted double play featured the game in the 5th canto when Tony Muscovage took Ernie Moy's pop fly to Catch Dopey Lo off second.

Dividing their term on the hilltop Tony Muscovage and Siki Powlowsky set the Caroline Hillmen down with five scattered bungles and fanned four.

Nelson Ma's snappy game at second was the only bright light in the Chinese loss. The key-sloner made four assists in a starry fielding show and crossed the pan with two South China runs.

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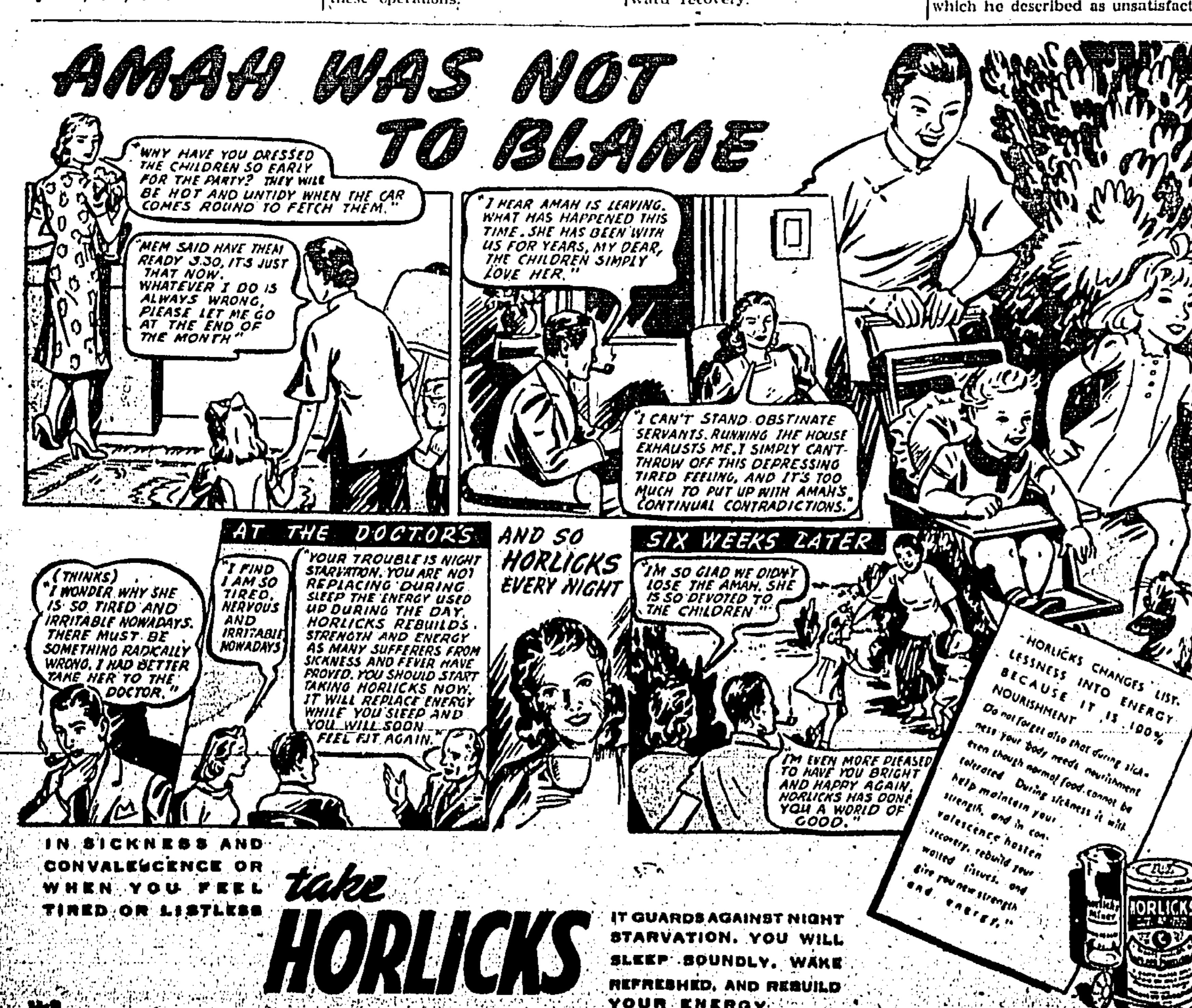
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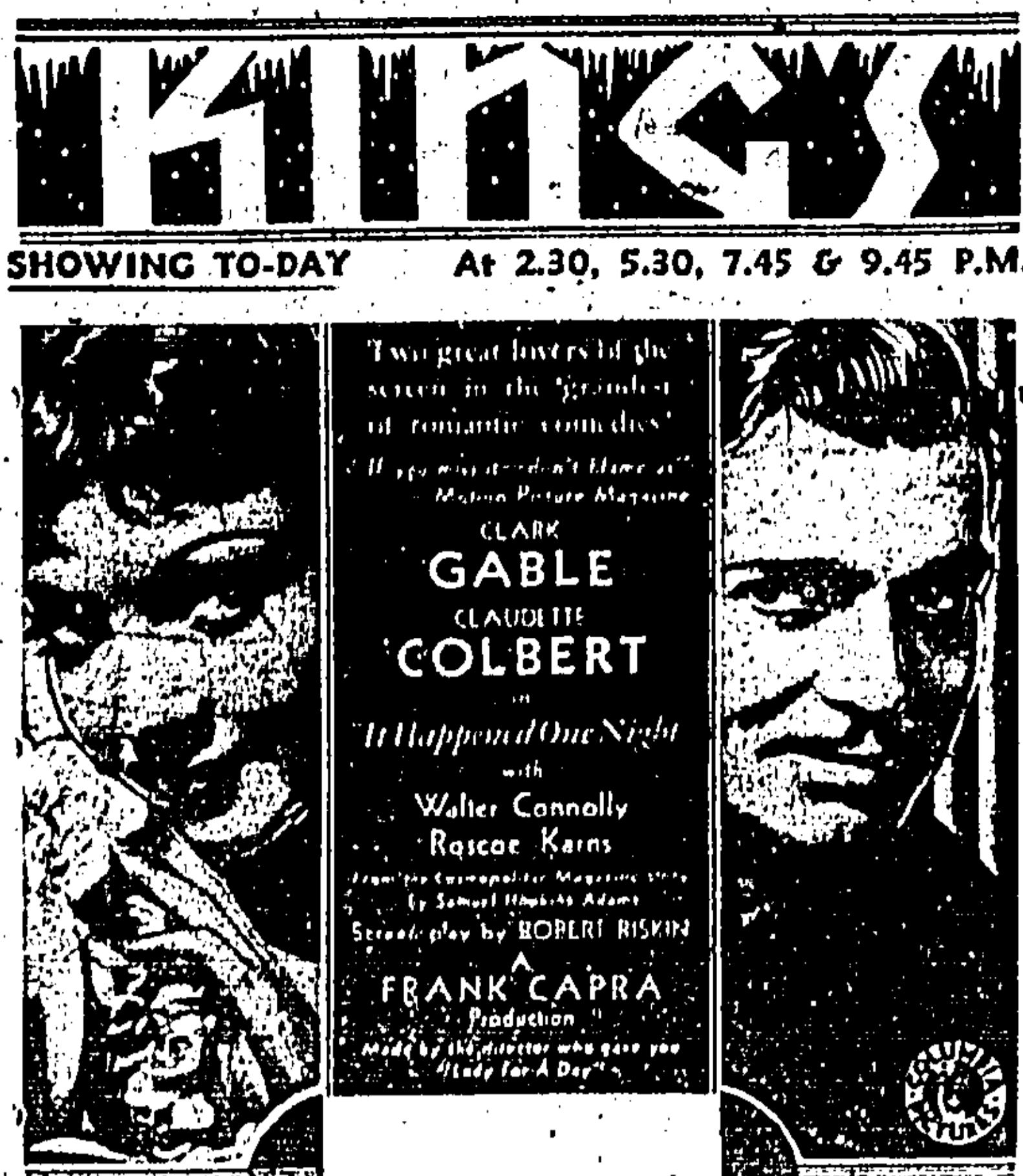
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## Murder Charge Sequel To City Shooting

The shooting incident in Queen's Road Central, opposite Central Market, on June 11, which resulted in the death of one Indian watchman and injury to a Chinese, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Pritam Singh, 38, was charged with the murder of Kesar Singh, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, and Accused was defended by Mr G. She, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva. Jury members empanelled were Messrs W. Prenne (Foreman), Lee Shiu-kai, J. A. Parrish, Parkin Wong, A. J. Raptis, Chan Shuk-ke and Hui Tuck-chang.

Mr Williams said that both Accused and Kesar Singh were watchmen, and at the time of the incident the former was employed by the Cheung Kee money-changers and the latter by the Wing Hing Bank. The two had not been on good terms since 1939 when Kesar Singh lost his job as night-watchman in a silk-store and his position was taken over by Accused on the recommendation of another Indian named Jas Singh.

### Apparently Resented

This was apparently resented by Kesar Singh for about a month later he had a fight with Ishar Singh. The latter was injured and he took out a summons against Kesar Singh through Accused.

Nothing further happened until the beginning of this year when Accused and Kesar Singh were seen exchanging words of abuse outside the former's place of employment.

Referring to the day of the shooting, Counsel said that Accused went on duty about 7 a.m., and in accordance with practice was handed by his employer a revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition which he was to return on finishing duty. On the other hand, Kesar Singh was not armed with a revolver when he was on duty, his only weapon being a stick.

About 9.30 a.m. shots were heard, and several witnesses would testify that they saw Accused fire a number of shots at Kesar Singh, who was then about a yard away from him, outside the Cheung Kee shop. One of the bullets struck a man named Chan Kam in the ankle. Both men were standing up at the time and there was no question of any struggle.

### Constable On Scene

A constable, Cheng Choi-sung, was on duty in the vicinity and on hearing a shot he immediately went to the scene. He saw Accused walking slowly past the Fu Kee money-changers shop, a few doors away from the Cheung Kee firm, with a revolver at the ready, and the body of Kesar Singh lying on the pavement.

Cheng hid behind a pillar and he then saw Accused fire two or three more shots at the body of Kesar Singh. Cheng then jumped forward, caught hold of Accused's hand and wrenched the revolver away. At that time the revolver was empty and was somewhat loose in the hand of Accused. In Accused's left hand were seven revolver bullets, and Mr Williams suggested that Accused was preparing to re-load when the revolver was snatched from him.

### Statement At Central

On being taken to the Central Police Station, Accused made a statement to Inspector L. R. Whant in which he said that he had not been on good terms with Kesar Singh, who had previously assaulted him. He added that on the morning of the shooting, Kesar Singh rushed at him and assaulted him. He put his hand to the revolver, whereupon Kesar Singh tried to snatch it away, and in the ensuing struggle two shots went off.

Kesar Singh was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he was immediately operated on, but died later in the day. Four wounds were found on his body, one on the left cheek, one on the left forearm, one on the left wrist, and one in the back, which perforated the abdomen.

### Bullet Wounds

Dr Dean A. Smith of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified that when Kesar Singh was admitted he was suffering from multiple bullet wounds. The man was conscious but was suffering from shock. Owing to his serious condition, he was operated on immediately but died about 7 p.m. the same day. Death was due to shock and internal haemorrhage caused by a perforating bullet wound in the abdomen and other wounds on the face and left hand.

Witness expressed the opinion that the wound in the back, which perforated the abdomen, was consistent with it having been caused when Kesar Singh was lying on the ground face downwards.

### Direction Of Shots

Questioned by Mr She, Dr Smith said that judging from its direction the wound on the left cheek must have been caused when Kesar Singh was bending slightly forward at the time. He agreed that it was possible for the wound in the back to have been caused by Kesar Singh's hand being twisted behind his back, with him holding the revolver. In his opinion four shots struck the body, although he recovered only two bullets from it.

Sergeant Pickton, Police Armourer, testified to having examined a revolver handed to him by Inspector Whant and found that bullets had been fired from five of the chambers within the last 40 hours.

Hearing is proceeding.

### New Chinese Envoy To Australia Arrives

Mr Hsu Mo, newly appointed Chinese Minister to Australia, arrived in Hongkong from Chungking early this morning en route to Australia to assume his post, says "Central News". He was accompanied by Mr Tuan Mou-lan, Mr Hu Ching-yu, and Mr Cheng Kang-chi, respectively Counsellor, First Secretary and Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation in Australia.

## Wanchai Widow Warned

Mr Albert V. Frain, engineer on one of the ships of the Douglas Steamship Company, was the complainant in a theft case against Mr Ng Ma-lei, 31, a widow, before Mr H. G. Sheldon, n.c.e., at Central Magistrate's Court to-day.

Defendant was charged with stealing a camera, two rolls of film, a discharge book and a mariner's certificate from Mr Frain. She pleaded not guilty.

Mr Frain stated that early on Sunday morning he was in Arsenal Street with the property mentioned in the charge. He did not know anything else until a detective told him that he had lost the articles. He had never seen Defendant before.

Detective Lam Hing stated that at 4 a.m. on Sunday he saw Defendant walking up to the door of the China Fleet Club and then squat down. She picked up a parcel and began to walk away. There was a European living outside the door. He stopped Defendant and she stated that the parcel was given her by her master.

Defendant maintained that she had walked with Complainant from 12 a.m. and had carried the parcel for him. She had not taken it.

Defendant was discharged and advised to be more careful in the future.

## Brutality In Conquered Country

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Inhuman tortures" are inflicted by Fascists on the population of occupied districts according to a supplement to the Soviet communiqué.

"In Stapanovka village," it says, "they shot many peasants for refusal to betray Soviet workers. In Rudny village, the Fascists decided to stage a 'reception' for the Germans by the local population. All the villagers were herded near the microphone and the Fascists tried to compel them to sing. Despite beatings, they all kept silent, then the Fascists opened fire on the defenceless crowd."

### Wounded Bombed

"At Olenino station, German planes flying low bombed two trains of open platform cars with women, children and wounded Red Army men in them. The fliers clearly saw who were on the platforms."

"Women and children tried to hide in rye fields but the Fascists machine-gunned them. Many women, children, old folk and wounded Red Army men were killed."

## STAGE COSTUMES SUBJECT OF CHARGE

Hearing of the case against Man Liang-sing, who is charged with stealing 27 suits of stage costumes valued at \$2,400 from Chan Bun, by means of a trick, at the Ng Chow Hotel, No. 76 Connaught Road, Central, on January 26, was provisionally fixed for 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Defendant is alleged to have stolen the costumes by pretending that upon taking delivery of them, he could despatch them to Complainant in Singapore without having to pay any postal charge so as to save Complainant's money. After receiving the costumes, it is alleged that Defendant pawned them and made away with the proceeds.

It is understood that Mr Hin-shing Lo will be prosecuting.

## LATE NEWS

### Anglo-Japanese Agreement, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Aug. 17 (Delayed) (UP).—The Japanese owned "Herald", quoting Japanese commercial circles stated that negotiations were nearing completion in London for establishing a "temporary barter system" whereby Britain and Japan will exchange essential goods during operation of the freezing regulations.

The paper declared that it was understood the agreement was limited to non-war materials such as Indian cotton, Australian wool and various Malayan products which would be exchanged for Japanese foodstuffs, cement and textiles.

It was added that the Bank of England and the Yokohama Specie Bank would establish a clearing account for the settlements.

The agreement is expected to result in a resumption of trade between Japan, India, Burma and Malaya which at present is at a standstill.

### Latest Claim By The Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to Finnish Front reports, 30,000 Soviet troops, comprising two complete divisions, have been surrounded between Ellonenvaara and Hittola as a result of last week's battle west of Lake Ladoga.

Following three days of fighting, it is claimed, they were either all killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

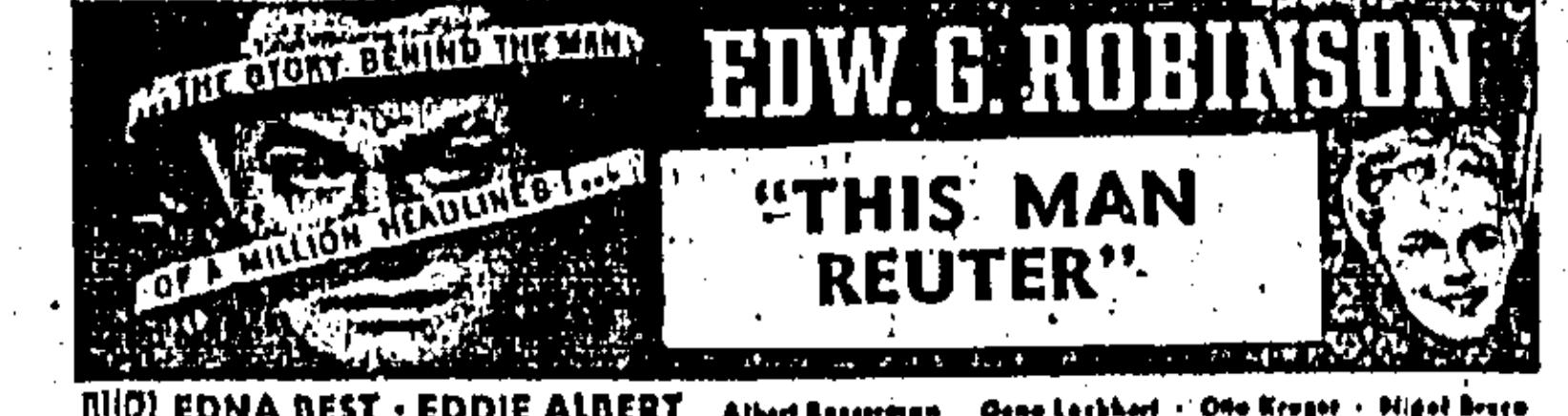
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## INDIANS IN ELEMENT DEFENDING TOBRUK

SIMLA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Describing the part of Indian troops in the defence of Tobruk, which he points out is regarded as one of the classics of the war, an Indian Army observer says that recently about 8 o'clock on a dark-moonless night an Indian party set out and slipped round in the rear of the enemy's sangars (breastwork) and then charged.

Some of the enemy attempting an early retreat, ran straight on to the bayonets of the Indians and were killed to a man.

The advance continued to the sangars, where the occupiers also suffered at bayonet point.

During the 15 minutes that the Indians remained in that position, they had a happy time destroying enemy equipment. Two Breda guns, an ammunition dump and a concrete bunker were accounted for while the enemy suffered at least 50 casualties, compared with three on our side.

The next night the enemy decided to show they could do the same sort of thing and staged an attack on the forward sangars. About 2 a.m., the listening post reported the approach of some enemy troops. Everyone in the sangar was immediately wide awake, with rifles gripped and eyes strained into the darkness for the slightest sign of movement.

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The terrified enemy turned and ran for their lives, with the Indian troops after them. The extra few yards start made all the difference, and the enemy was just able to get away.

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing Government control.

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